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CITY TEACHERS

Met to Hear an Address by Prof. Collins.

GIVEN AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

"Observations of My Own Experiences" Was the Subject of His Speech — Central Examinations.

The teachers of the city schools held a meeting this morning at the High school to hear an address by Prof. J. H. Collins, superintendent of the Springfield public schools There was a good attendance of teachers, and the address given was both interesting and instructive.

Prof Collins was introduced by Superintendent Gastman as a man who kept his feet on the earth and would talk about earthly things. The subject of Mr. Collins' address as "Observations of My Own Experience." He began by telling the teachers to stand up for their own school and the very best that it is their power to do, and then make others think the same tting, reputation being a good thing for the schools. He told the story of one of the teachers in the Springfield school who when she was first engaged was very unpopular but who after a few weeks' time gained the admiration of all the pupils by her modest ways. He said it was a good lesson for all teachers. The speaker said that the teachers should not worry about the decipline of the school as things would happen that could not be controlled and their worrying oculd not help them. He referred to the tone of voice that should be used by the teachers and said that it was one of the best means of the power of government. The teachers should talk in a low tone. Attention in recitations was also spoken of as an important point. When one child is reading the others should be following the same thing and the pupils should be taught to always give their attention to anything which was going on. Mr. Collins said that he believed in the memorizing of facts and thought that it had been of great benefit to him and gave instances of how it had been useful to him.

Prof. Collins is the state leader of the National Educational association. He urged the teachers to attend the convention of the association which is to be held at Washington, July 7 to 12 There will probably be a large number from this city and county who will attend.

Superintendent E A. Gastman will on March 19 make an address on the educational meeting which he recently attended at Chattanooga, Tenn. The teachers this forenoon by a vote asked Mr. Gastman to address them at the next meeting instead of having some out of town man.

To Begin Next Thursday.

The first number of the lecture course on missionary extension work to be given under the auspices of the Macon County C. E Union will be delivered at the First Presbyterian church on next Thursday evening by the Rev. Frost Craft of the First M. E church. There will be a register placed at each entrance to the church and as the different societies of the county enter they will be required to register the number of active members belonging to their society. The one showing the largest per cent of active members will be presented with the C E banner.

Primary Teachers' Association.

The Primary Sunday School Teachers association met at room 1 of the First M. E. church yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Mrs. Sue Oder was formally elected president, Mrs. Milton Johnson vice president and Miss Lillie Chadsey treasurer. The committee on resolutions presented the resolutions which were adopted by the association. A member of the association will be appointed as instructors for each month. Miss Lillie Chadsey will fill this office for the coming month.

Rev. Hall's Revival.

The revival at the Christian tabernacle has been well attended during the past week. Every evening Rev. Coomos has preached to a large congregation. The meetings will be continued for another week.

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SPAIN'S BLUFF IS MET BY UNCLE SAM.

Request for the Recall of Consul General Lee Creates A Sensation--Spain's Back Down.

A WAR FUND OF $50,000,000 FOR THE PRESIDENT.

AMERICA LOADED FOR WAR--INTERVENTION IS CERTAIN.

Relief Measures for Cuban Sufferers Goes On Without Any Interruption.

Cubans Look to the United States for Help Which is Sure to Come--Court of Inquiry Now at Havana--Americans Taking Fright and Leaving for Home.

Washington, March 7.—The sentiment at the capitol, especially on the house side, is unanimous in the support of the action of the president in declining to recall Consul General Lee. The immense gravity of the situation seemed to profoundly impress the members, who stood about the lobbies before the house met. Without regard to party all united in commending the president's stand and the unanimous desire was expressed to support any measures he may deem necessary to maintain the American contention. Representative Livingston of Georgia, the minority member of the appropriations committee, and Bodine, minority member of the naval affairs committee, both declared that they would vote for anything the president asked.

"Congress ought to be solidly behind the president now," said Representative Livingston. "This is no time for criticism or bickering of any kind. In the face of impending foreign war party lines should be forgotten. We are Americans first partisans afterwards."

It can be stated on the highest authority that the attitude of Speaker Reed and some other Republican leaders who seek to keep down the "jingo" spirit in the house, have been misunderstood by the public. Their purpose in delaying action on the bill creating two additional regiments of artillery was to prevent, as far as possible, any undue alarm. While it is not generally known, it is nevertheless true, that Republican leaders of the house have given the administration assurances that any emergency action which may be deemed necessary to uphold the dignity of the country would be promptly ratified. The administration understands that the majority in the house is behind them and that money and men will be voted without stint when called for.

Gen. Lee's Reply.

Havana, March 7.—General Fitzhugh Lee when questioned regarding Spain's demand for his recall said: "I shall continue to do my duty, which is to guard American interests."

Why Spain Objected.

Washington, March 7.—Spanish objection to General Lee is based largely on his sympathy for the Cubans and is an answer to some of his utterances which found their way into print. It is understood the Spaniards also take exceptions to the friendly relations between General Lee and the correspondents of papers which have been decidedly unfriendly to Spain. It is believed that De Lome carried to Spain papers and information calculated to make Spain request the recall of General Lee. Complaint against sending relief supplies to Cuba in war vessels was made through Du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affairs, but when the matter was fully explained to him he expressed his entire satisfaction with the present arrangement and intimated that he would withdraw the protest.

Preparations.

Key West, Fla., March 7.—The steamer Alamo has arrived from New York with a cargo of ammunition for the United States fleet.

No movement of the fleet today. The steamer Bache arrived from Havana with six more bodies. They were buried with the usual ceremonies.

The Court and the Fern.

Havana, March 7.—As previously stated the coast survey steamer Bache on her return from Key West will take the Fern's place here, near the wreck of the Maine, as quarters for the officers. The Fern goes north to take on supplies for the re concentrados at Matanzas and Sagua La Grande. Technically the Fern is a war vessel, because she mounts one gun, a 6-pounder, used for salutes. Only surmises can be made as to how long the United States court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine will remain here, but it does not seem likely that the court's stay here will be much longer protracted.

Spanish Torpedo Boats.

Glasgow, March 7.—The crew to man the Spanish torpedo boats Osada and Audez, which are being completed by the Thompsons for Spain, have arrived here. It is expected that the boats will be completed by Friday or Saturday, when they will go to Ferrol, Spain, where they will take on board armaments. From Ferrol they go to Cuba.

Caused a Sensation.

Key West, March 7.—Orders were received at noon rescinding the instructions given to send the Fern to Cuba with supplies and reiterating the original order naming the cruisers Nashville and Montgomery to fulfill the mission. The sudden change caused excitement in naval circles as no explanation of the matter was obtainable.

GOOD FOR CONGRESS.

War Fund of $50,000,000 to be at the Disposal of the President.

Washington, March 7.—In the house today Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, introduced a bill entitled, "Making appropriations for National defense." It is as follows: That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for national defense and for each and every purpose connected therewith, to be expended at the discretion of the president and remain available till June 30, 1899, $50,000,000. It was referred to the committee on appropriations. The bill is the outcome of a conference at the white house this morning at which Representatives Cannon, Long, Dingley, Allison and Grosvenor were present. The situation here is considered so grave that it was deemed imperative that an immense appropriation of this character be made at once to prepare for national defense.

CONGRESS MOVING.

Chairman Hull of the military committee moved the passage under suspension of the rules, of the Hawley bill creating two additional regiments of artillery. Debate on the bill developed nothing exciting, but there was a great outburst of enthusiasm when Hay (Democrat) of Virginia declared that he stood ready to vote for any measure to prepare for the emergency which confronted the country. Two Democrats, Jones of Pennsylvania and Cox of Tennessee, spoke against the bill, but it passed without division.

BACK DOWN BY SPAIN.

Withdrawal of Request for Recall of Gen. Lee.

Washington, March 7.—Spain has withdrawn the request for the recall of Consul General Lee. It is believed that the incident is practically closed. Minister Woodford notified the government of the fact today. Now it is stated that the request was never put in shape of a demand, but merely as a suggestion on the part of Spain, and when she found it was not to be pleasantly received by this country, she promptly receded.

LEE TO STAY AT HAVANA.

He Will Not be Recalled—And Cuban Relief Will Continue.

Washington, March 7.—President McKinley will not recall Consul General Lee from Havana. He will not change his plan to send Cuban relief supplies aboard United States naval vessels. Spain's impertinent and irritating requests to this effect are met with a firm refusal, and it now rests with the government at Madrid to decide whether or not it is willing to go ahead and take the consequences.

The prevailing belief here is that Spain will back down and not press her suggestions. It lies within her power, of course, to send General Lee home by canceling his exequatur, but it would not be prudent for the Spanish government to incur the risk of provoking the United States beyond endurance, which such a course would surely involve.

It had not been the intention of the Washington administration to permit the news of this latest and to some extent surprising development of the Spanish situation to reach the public at this time. A dispatch from General Woodford containing the information that such suggestions had been made by Minister of Foreign Affairs Gunoll was received a day or two ago, but as this was Spain's business and not ours the administration concluded to keep the matter a secret until some actual development occurred or the Madrid authorities wished to give the incident to the public. But now that the news has leaked out in Madrid the Washington authorities make a statement which shows conclusively the attitude of the president. This attitude is that Spain's request cannot and will not be complied with.

CURT ANSWER.

The state department Sunday authorized the following statement:

"The president will not reconsider the recall of General Lee. He has borne himself throughout this crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage, to the president's satisfaction.

"As to the supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry consignment this week from Key West by one of the naval vessels, whichever may be best adapted and most available for the purpose, to Matanzas and Sagua."

In this curt manner the president tells the country he has no idea of succumbing to Spain's rather presumptuous suggestions. General Woodford has already been cabled to the same effect.

General Lee will not be recalled unless better reasons for doing so than now appear are made known to this government. As for the dispatch for relief supplies by our naval vessels, it is announced by the navy department the dispatch boat Fern and probably the cruiser Marblehead will be sent from Key West to Matanzas and Sagua with supplies. In the opinion of high administration officials Spain is showing a very poor spirit in getting finicky about the manner in which food is carried into her dominions to keep her poor subjects form starvation, since she has virtually confessed that she is unable to feed them from her own resources.

Whether Spain objects or not the supplies will go forward by our naval vessels, and it would not be prudent for the Spanish to refuse them permission to land their cargoes.

LEAVING HAVANA.

Americans in a Scared State--Many Departures Daily.

Havana, March 7.—Americans are making hurried preparations to leave Havana. Consternation prevails everywhere among them on account of the warlike attitude of Spain and the United States. They are closing out their business interests and sending their families from the city with all possible speed.

The rumors which are current about the preparations of both Spain and the United States for war only tend to increase the excitement.

No demonstration has been made yet against the American consulate. General Lee remains cool and collected, although evidently he has well grounded fears of an outbreak at any moment.

JACKSONVILLE'S MAYOR.

Andrew Holly Found Dead in Bed in a Springfield Hotel.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Andrew Holly, mayor of Jacksonville, Ill., was found dead in bed at the St. Nicholas hotel here early this morning. He came here Saturday morning and in the evening left word to be called early to return home. When he could not be wakened, the clerk forced the door and found him dead in bed. It is supposed to be a case of heart disease. The coroner is holding an inquest. The family was notified by wire, and is now here and will take the remains home this evening.

Visible Supply.

Chicago, March 7.—The visible supply of grain are as follows: Wheat 33,012,000, corn 41,471,000, oats 13,163,000, rye 3,676,000, barley 1,900,000.

Next Sabbath Rev. A. M. Danely will preach at Elwin at 10:30 a. m., and at Blue Mound chapel at 3 p. m.

HAVANA IS THE PIVOT

As to Loyalty to the Spanish Government.

AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN CUBA

Pando's Soldiere Only Enforce Fealty to the Crown—No Opposition to United States Intervention.

Washington, March 7.—New York is not the place to form fair judgment of American sentiment. In a less degree can estimates of Cuban political conditions be based safely upon what appears on the surface at Havana. The commercial spirit and the military spirit dominate in the capital city of the island. The greater part of the trade comes and goes through that port and pays tribute to the business interests of it. The offices are controlled and distributed at Havana. Ultra-loyalty to Spain is fostered by the conditions of Havana. And anti-Americanism is strengthened by the same conditions. But in Havana is comprised only one-eighth of the population. The seven-eighths are neither so loyal toward Spain nor so, antagonistic toward the United States. It can almost be said that the Spanish loyalty decreases in proportion to the distance from the metropolis. Havana Province approaches Havana city in its sentiment. Matanzas, next removed, entertains but scant devotion to the crown. Santa Clara is full of insurgents and the spirit of separation, while Spanish authority is maintained only in form and by strong garrisons at the most important points. In Puerto Principe and in Santiago, the largest in area of all of the provinces, there is no Spanish authority save such as the columns of Pando carry with them. Cuba is already much more than half "libre."

Some idea of the real sentiment of the island outside of Havana is presented in a letter received here. The writer is an American who has been in Cuba several years, his residence dating back before the insurrection. His intercourse with the people has been daily. To his mind the United States has but to say the word to end the war. He writes:

"You may say that 70 per cent of the 'dons' in Cuba, and believe 5 per cent in the mother country, will neither resist nor object to even armed intervention by the United States. At furthermore the intransigentes (the ultra loyalists, who include the volunteers, will welcome any movement bringing them under United States rule or protectorate (the former preferred). I know whereof I speak. So let not our government delay for fear of war Both officers of the volunteers and leaders of the Conservative party have so expressed themselves and appealed to me to advise them how they had best proceed to bring this about. They do not hesitate to say that the Spanish government is powerless to protect them. They have said to me: 'You can assure your government that intervention on its part will meet with no opposition, but will find us willing subjects.' The sentiment is genuine and prevails throughout the island. I have not, up to date, failed to prognosticate the situation. I was never more confident of the correctness of my position."

The consuls of the United States in all centers outside of Havana have noted this rapid development of sentiment for American intervention. It may be that in his confident expressions that there will be no war the president has had before him the strong assurances that his course to end the war will be welcomed rather than resisted by what are still nominally loyal Spanish elements in Cuba. It may be that the deliverance will come so easily that the American nation will wonder why it was delayed so long.

Change of Sentiment.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Outside of Havana, and in some degree even there, the eyes of Spaniards and Cubans alike are turning to the United State for intervention. A change of sentiment, inspired at first by the relief movement, is manifesting itself in many ways. It promises to play no small part in the restoration of peace. A year ago Americans were in jail in many Cuban cities. They were locked up on suspicion, and some had remained untried for weeks and months. The persistent protests of this government opened every cell door that imprisoned an American. Three months ago the anti-American spirit was still strong in Cuba. It began to wane from the time that this government entered upon the relief of the reconcentrados. It has disappeared almost entirely outside of Havana. Spanish residents of the island have been losing faith in the ability of the mother country to regain authority over the island, or to protect them. With this feeling has come the growth of Americanism. Among those who sustained Weyler and who still plot and plan for the return to that kind of a government in Cuba, the fire of hatred for Americans still burns. But they present a small minority of the people.

A recent occurrence in Sagua la Grane, one of the places to which a large shipment of supplies has been made, illustrates the change of sentiment in interior Cuba. "America" is now the most popular word in a community where in Weyler's time it was execrated. Several days ago a Spanish showman pitched his tent in Sagua. Over the entrance he displayed a large sign with the words "American Circus." The United States Consul, Walter B. Barker, observed the sign. He suspected that it was a trick to deceive. He was indignant because only a few days before the Mayor of Sagua had come to the consulate with a tale of distress; a canvass of the city just made had resulted in the contribution of only $2.50 to buy food for the starving. To the appeal of the mayor the consul responded with a personal contribution of $50. Mr. Barker sent a messenger to the mayor to say that unless the circus performance was stopped he would advise Americans not to contribute any more for the relief of the starving. The mayor sent back a promise that the circus should be allowed to give but one more performance, from the receipts of which he was to get $200 for the poor. The consul insisted that the sign "American Circus" be taken down.

The mayor hesitated, although he admitted that there was nothing American about the show. Mr. Barker sent a second message to the mayor that if the sign was not taken down that night he would remove it himself. The sign came down. Next day Spanish residents of Sagua called on the consul and expressed their hearty approval of his action.

TANNER AT HOME

Return of Governor and Wife From the East.

BLOOMINGTON MAN IN PLACE

Supreme Court Decision in Maximum Freight Rate Case—The Railroad Companies Win Out at Last.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Matthew Smith of Bloomington has succeeded Thomas Kennedy in the building and loan department of the state auditor's office.

TANNER HOME.

Governor Tanner and wife arrived home this afternoon from a ten days' visit in New York and the east.

Railroads Win.

Washington, March 7.—The supreme court decided the Nebraska maximum freight rate case today in favor of the railroads. The opinion affirmed the opinion of the circuit court of appeal in both districts, holding the Nebraska law to be contrary to the 14th amendment in that it authorized the taking of property without due process of law, and was therefore invalid.

BIG SLUMP IN STOCKS.

New Complications in Cuban Affairs the Cause.

New York, March 7.—There was an enormous selling of orders in the market at the opening on account of the new Cuban complications over Consul General Lee and the losses ranged from two points to over five. The flatness of Americans in London, where declines ranged up to 2⅞ in St. Paul, gave a foretaste of what was to come, and even more significant indications of apprehension there with decline of 2¼ in Spanish fours. The situation in the east depressed the general market in London as well. All stocks opened on running sales here. Sugar slumped 5½; Burlington 4¼, New York Central 3½. The declines throughout the last ranged from two to three points. Very heavy blocks changed hands. Secondary transactions allowed better prices the market rallying almost instantly two to three points.

At London.

London, March 7.—A semi-panic prevailed on the stock exchange throughout the morning, owing to the Cuban crisis and fear of war with Russia in the far east, dear money and the fear of approaching settlement. Later the operators became calmer, though the effects of the scare is still serious.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN

May Go to War in the Near Future—Significant Order.

Philadelphia, March 7.—The North American says the Cramps are busy drawing plans for the consideration of a foreign power, understood to be Russia, for the erection of a first class ship building plant, similar to the Cramps here, and the building of several battleships and cruisers. The North American thinks this points to preparation for almost certain war between Russia and Japan, growing out of the Russian encroachments in China.

Russia in Control.

Berlin, March 7.—A Tageblatt Pekin cable says: China has agreed to lease Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan to Russia for 99 years.

MORE CANDY SOLD.

Constable Connard Disposes of Some of the Goods of Joe Bartello.

In front of the court house this afternoon Constable W. W. Connard sold about a dozen buckets of candy which were some of the stock of Joe Bartello. The goods were those which were found at the freight house and marked as being household goods. They were sold to satisfy a claim of Quinn & Seeforth. The price brought will pay about 60 cents on the dollar.

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FRIVOLOUS POLLY.

BY VIRGINIA YEAMAN REMNITZ.

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SYNOPSIS.

Elder Shaw, on his death bed, has written his wish in regard to his daughter Ellen's future on a piece of paper, which is not to be read until after his death. Ellen is sure that it forbids her marriage with Mark Wendell, whom the elder bade begone some two years before. When Ellen looks for the paper, it has disappeared from the box in the bureau drawer in which it was put. Ellen is too sure of the contents, however, and feels too deeply the sacredness of her father's last wish, to marry Mark, despite her great love for him. She therefore determines that even to see him, and her disconsolate lover is unable to change her will. But Mark does not find it hard to get along with Ellen's young friend, Polly. She sees Ellen every day, and tells him all about her. From what Polly tells him, Mark begins to fear that Mr. Hallam, the minister, is in love with Ellen. The knowledge of Wendell's attentions to Polly causes Ellen much unhappiness, but the young man, although he feels that he and Polly are drifting together, is aware that his feeling for the young girl in no way takes the place of his love for Ellen. One day while alone in the Shaw's sitting room, Polly moves the bureau to look for a lost thimble. She finds the lost paper in a mouse hole. She reads the contents with astonishment, and puts it in her pocket, not telling of her find. The following Saturday evening while Polly and Wendell are walking together the girl realizes for the first time the wrong she is doing in keeping the paper. After a sleepless night and with a vague thought of seeking comfort, she goes to church.

PART IV.

When the minister wrote the sermon he preached that morning he had been thinking, not of Polly, but of himself and of Ellen. To lead her out of that cold, cheerless path of duty in which she walked; to point out to her, and to all weary, struggling souls, that way of renunciation which leads to the shining summits of spiritual triumph—such was his aim.

"In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." The minister's penetrating glance seemed to realize, individually, each member of his congregation as he repeated the words of his text. Though his face was pale and his eyes sunken, the impression was one of physical weariness only. The light in the eyes and the tender lines about the large, flexible mouth spoke of a spirit active and burning, of a compassionate desire to help. Polly's look rested upon him with an almost hungry wistfulness.

Some of the thoughts the speaker uttered that morning were, in spiritual intuition, beyond the reach of his hearers; but even to the material minded and ignorant, the message of the sermon was clear; to the weary it pointed out a haven of rest; spoke courage and hope to the overburdened; and to struggling souls revealed a vision of glorious triumph. Yet the girl whose need had inspired it, listened half absently, striving to fix her attention on the words of the speaker. Her heart was numbed, and long self control had encased it in a reserve which it was hard to pierce. But parts of the sermon found passionate echo in Polly's heart.

"Who does not long to be hidden from sorrow and weariness and pain—from the tumult of this world and the bitterness of its struggle? But with a deeper, more passionate longing, who would not be hidden from self! Ah, for one hour's rest! is the cry of many a heart; for one hour's rest from this warfare between the spirit and the flesh. Then this promise comes; not of one hour's rest, but of rest everlasting; of rest in God's secret hiding place.

"But how shall this secret place be found by souls halfblind with worldliness? They can see no parting of the ways between duty and desire. At the end of the one lurks destruction, and ere that is reached the dregs of its pleasures are bitter. The other road is long and cold and dreary. It promises no rest. It offers nothing, save escape from sin. We have not the courage to walk therein.

"But there is another way. The way of duty transfigured into delight. The way of duty flooded with the sunshine of love, radiant with the brightness of hope; a way in which are springs of joy where lurks no subtle poison; no dregs of bitterness; no after sting. And he who walks therein is hidden in the secret of God's tabernacle.

"But a secret place is hard to find. All may not enter therein. Either they cannot find the way or will not accept the terms of its revealing. The condition of entrance to God's hiding place is self-renunciation! It is a condition hard in seeming, but blessed in fact; a condition from which men shrink because its beauty is hidden from the carnal mind, and is not revealed to the wise and prudent of this world."

But the power of the sermon did not lie in the words the preacher spoke so much as in the vivid interpretation lent by the personal element thrown into their utterance. He gave an impression of speaking from a genuine experience; of standing before his hearers as the actual, palpable proof of a spiritual conception.

"Is there one here who longs to be hidden? who would yield at last to God? who is weary of the conflict and would be at rest?" Polly looked at the pitiful face of the preacher through eyes dimmed with tears; her heart beat fast, and she trembled in the hold of his thought. The bit of paper hidden in her drawer accused her loudly; the hope of love which had dawned in her heart cried out not to be denied.

As the preacher dwelt upon the blessedness of surrender, and pictured the unending peace which must surely follow that short, sharp struggle with self, Polly's soul expanded and reached a dim, longing comprehension of hitherto hidden things. By degrees an exaltation took possession of her which seemed to carry her out of herself and make possible, even easy, the renunciation of those warm, sweet, blissful dreams of hers. She even felt in a sort of feverish haste to perform the deed toward which she was impelled.

Ellen had walked slowly home from church with her aunt, and was just removing her hat when there came a well-known rap at the door. She sighed, turned, and called, "Come in." Why should Polly trouble her now? The Sabbath had at least brought respite from that.

The intruder opened the door, but lingered at the threshold with a hesitation quite unwonted. Yet, despite her embarrassment, Polly was still uplifted and did not shrink from her task—had not taken even one glance beyond its performing.

"I came to bring you something, Ellen—something I found last Monday. It was wrong to keep it. I see that now, and I came to give it to you."

She had moved toward Ellen, looking eagerly into her face as she spoke. This rapt intense little creature seemed scarcely like Polly.

"It was in a mouse hole under the bureau. My thimble rolled there and I was looking for it." She held out the paper, and Ellen, not quite understanding, but startled by a dim prescience of the truth, said slowly, as she reached out her hand:

"What is it, Polly?"

"The paper! The lost paper, Ellen; read it!"

There was a triumphal ring in the poor girl's voice. She was still in the hold of her exaltation—a creature out of herself.

Ellen went to the window and smoothed out the paper. Polly watched



"WHAT IS IT, POLLY?"

her absorbingly. She saw the girl start, crush the paper, and turn. But that terrible voice could not be Ellen's!"

"Polly!"

Such scorn and indignation, such withering disdain, rang in those two brief syllables as needed no emphasis from the flashing eye and quivering face of the speaker.

"So you have kept the paper all this time! I think I understand you, Polly!" The passion in the voice was passing into an icy, cutting hardness. "The only thing I don't understand is why you brought it to me at all. May I ask whether Mr. Wendell knows of it?"

Polly shook her head; she could not speak. From the summit of her exultation she had been flung to the lowest depths of helpless shame. She was crushed and bewildered.

"Perhaps you have won your point, and wish to taunt me with this paper. However, I shall inform Mr. Wendell that it is found. That is my duty. But you needn't be afraid, Polly," and every note of the voice cut into the listener's nerves like the blade of a knife; "I shall take from you nothing that is yours. Mr. Wendell is quite free! And he shall not keep you in suspense—no, not even for a single day!"

There was a pause, and Ellen added: "You may go now."

That afternoon passed, for Polly, as nightmares pass. People made the horror from which she strove vainly to free herself—a mother who expected help with the work, a little brother who was ailing and cried for stories, then two girls who came in to chat! It was not until after supper that Polly could claim the precious privilege of solitude. Then she offered to remain at home with the little brother while the rest of the family went to church; and at last, in the silence of her own room, she tried to collect her distracted thoughts. How different it had all been from what she had fancied! Oh, Ellen didn't understand; why, she had given up everything. She began to sob, pressing her forehead against the sill of the window by which she was crouched. There was nothing left, nothing. And Ellen was scornful, angry! Hot shame surged through her, followed by an awful sense of loss. Her life seemed an abyss of emptiness. There was nothing in it. She was frightened and sobbed more loudly. But if she had only kept the paper! Oh, she had been mad to give it up; mad. And this was what she got for it. This was renunciation!

In her distress she cried aloud, and struck on the windowsill with her clenched hands. It couldn't be true! She hadn't done it! Oh, but she had. She had lost him; he would scorn her, too!

Her thoughts made a doubtful pause, here, as though questioning this. From somewhere a dim, faint ray of hope shot across the tumult of her emotion. The loud sobbing grew softer and she lifted her face, staring out into the darkness. Then she clasped her hands and leaned forward. A hint of the odd, sidewise smile turned her lips.

He might come to her, after all. Again, in fancy, her hand lay in his; her eyes were held fast in that long, tender look of his. Warm pulsations ran through her and thrilled her. What of that paper, if he loved her! What of those cynical words, written by the dying man and burned upon her brain: "My last wish is this: If you will be a fool and marry, marry Mark Wendell."

What would Ellen do? She would let him know immediately that the paper was found. That, she had said, was her duty. But she had also said—and the words which had cut cruelly when uttered, were now food for hope and comfort. "You needn't be afraid, Polly. Mr. Wendell is quite free. I shall rob you of nothing that is yours. And he shall not keep you in suspense, no; not even for a single day."

That Ellen should live up to this promise was, because of her nature, inevitable; and Polly realized this fully. She could not even conceive of her friend as accepting of a cold allegiance to honor, in the place of love; no, nor even of drifting, divided devotion. And you could not deceive Ellen. She would know. She always understood.

With such thoughts did Polly warm her chilled heart and nurse the hope which was striving for life within her. And surely he did love her! Again and again every look and touch of the man which fed her desire was lingeringly recalled. She even fancied the scene between him and Ellen; the submission of Mark to the cold dictates of honor; the swift comprehension of the girl; her disdain and dismissal. But what cares love for scorn, so its craving be satisfied! Polly turned her face to the window, watching and listening.

While Polly waited thus, diverted by the riotings of her fancy, her fate was swiftly adjusted in that inexorable movement of reality which is influenced neither by dreams nor desires.

Wendell read with whirling brain the brief, formal note Ellen sent him. It stated merely that the paper was found. Did he think of the poor child who was crouched at her window, watching for



"ELLEN, TELL ME."

him? Not for one instant. Before the rush and sweep of that love of years, a fire which had slumbered only and was now fully alive again, that slight inclination was absorbed and forgotten, even as a spark is caught up and lost in the heart of a great conflagration. In a madness of impatience at the distance which separated him from certainty, the man swung out into the darkness, fearfully weighing his fate every step of the way.

The note, despite its formality, conveyed an intimation. Why send it at all if the paper contained what Ellen had thought? It would be cruel, needlessly cruel. He hurried on and stood once more before the maiden aunt, asking for Ellen. He sat in the prim little parlor, blind to its familiar objects, and he rose in silence when Ellen entered the room. She came forward slowly, her eyes on his face. And there she saw written the agonized suspense of the man; the speechless, immovable tensity of his longing. Doubt was swept from her mind; and the strength of her fortified heart failed her utterly. Weak as a little child she moved toward him. He managed to say, "Tell me—Ellen, tell me!" His arms went out to her, and found her within their hungry clasping. He drew her nearer and nearer. He felt her heart beating against him; but he did not hear her sobs. In his own eyes there were tears.

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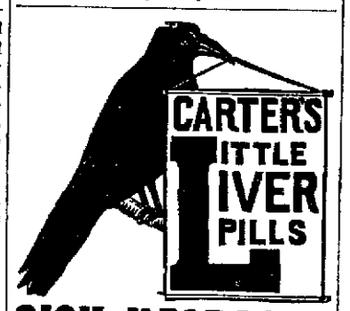
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C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91.

Last Friday, Dec. 13, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough; slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.

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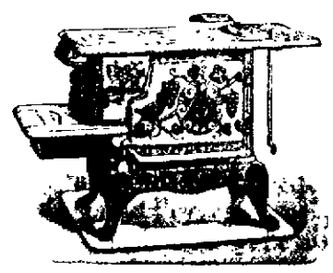
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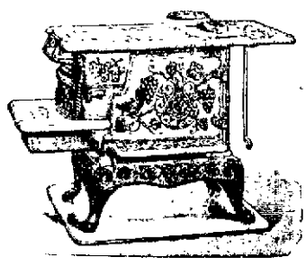
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Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

L. F. Barton is appointed superintendent maintenance of way of the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville, in charge of engineering, roadway and track, with office at Mattoon, Ill.

Easterly Camp, M. W. A., will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening. Seven bold spirits will brave the dangers of the forest and seek that peace and contentment which lies beyond. The lodge goat is in training and there will be a hot time in the lodge room.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—m1-d&w8w

The mud blockade in the country beats the record of preceding years, and the old inhabitants declare that they remember nothing like it.

Invitations are out for the wedding of I. J. Davis, formerly of this city, and Miss Anna Brown. The marriage will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Brown in Oak Park, Ill., March 17.

Grain dealers estimate that not over 50 per cent of the corn now in the country has found its way to market. In this section the bad roads are to blame for this state of affairs. In many cases farmers have received advances on the crop, which will be delivered when the mud blockade has been raised.

The shipments of corn from the various grain stations in Macon county have been heavy during the last two weeks. Dealers had large stocks of grain on hand and as prices advanced have unloaded the stocks in cribs and elevators. There is no trouble about cars and the railroads are able to honor all orders.

Assumption is now lighted by electricity. The plant used is small but large enough for the present. The business men have, as a rule, responded liberally and many residences are being wired preparatory to using the new light. Assumption is one of the best towns in Christian county and has improved rapidly during the last few years. The chief industries of the place are coal mining and hay baling. This industry employes a number of men, and uses all the hay which is raised within a number of miles of the place.

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Was a Fine Day.

The weather Sunday was pleasanter than it has been at any time this year. It was an ideal day and every one who could took advantage of it. There were many persons on the streets driving and walking and quite a number of wheelmen were out.

Will Erect a Building.

Andrew Hemminger will this week begin work erecting a building on his lot on West Main street just west of the Model laundry. The building will be eighty by twenty-six feet in dimensions and will cost about $3000.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sermon Delivered by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.

THE BIG CHRISTIAN REVIVAL

At the Tabernacle is Largely Attended —Christian Endeavor Union Will Hold Lectures —Notes.

At the First Presbyterian church last night Rev. W. H. Penhallegon preached to a large congregation. His subject was "A Note of Victory." He took for his text, John 17, 4: "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He said that there was nothing which helped one so much during the trial of life as the thought that they would ultimately succeed. There was enough of the human being in Jesus to have this desire to succeed and carry out his work on earth well. The speaker said that there were many obstacles which confronted Christ in his work. One of these obstacles was poverty and tht there was nothing which bore down a man as poverty. The people are afraid to intrust anything to a poor man and his words are not heeded or his opinions valued. We will listen to the rich man but the poor man we turn away from and do not heed him. A man with a financial position can rise to still higher position but the poor man must take a low seat.

The minister said that Christ had completed his work on earth successfully and while quite young. He had done his duty and that was what every man must do. Duty was something that we owed. We owe a duty to ourselves and should make the most of our lives and we also own a duty to our fellow men. Everyone should do their full duty and do it with all their might.

C. E. UNION.

The members of the nominating committee of the Christian Endeavor union held a meeting Sunday evening. Officers were nominated and they will be elected at the county convention which is to be held at the First Methodist church on March 31 and April 1. The union is arranging to give a series of missionary lectures. The first will be given at the Presbyterian church on Thursday night next. It will be delivered by Rev. Frost Craft. The second will be by Rev. Penhallegon at the First Methodist church and the third will be by Rev. Bowyer.

THE BIG REVIVAL.

The revival meetings at the Christian tabernacle are now proving very successful. On Sunday six services were held and each time Rev. Coombs, the evangelist, preached. At 10 o'clock there was a service to children, and at 10:45 Mr. Coombs preached to a large congregation on the subject "Heart of the Gospel. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there was a sermon to ladies only on the "Stormy Path of a Beautiful Woman," and at 4 o'clock Rev. Coombs spoke to men only on the subject "Camping on the Borders," and at 4 o'clock there was a sermon on the "Best Way to Spend the Lord's Day," and at 7:45 another on the subject of "Crossing the Line." There have been quite a number of conversions and Rev. Hall will materially increase his congregation by the revival.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There were large congregations at the First Baptist church yesterday both morning and evening. The auditorium being crowded and the gallery well filled at each service. At the close of the evening services the rite of baptism was administered to seven members.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church will celebrate their anniversary on Tuesday evening. An interesting program of musical and literary numbers will be given.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church will hold a meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George W. Bright of 310 West William street. Mrs. M. E. Augustine will have charge of the program. Tea will be served at the close of the business meeting.

The official board of the First M. E. church will hold a meeting at the church this evening.

The board of stewards will meet at Room 1 at the First M. E. church tomorrow evening.

The Literary committee of the Epworth league of the Wesley church will have charge of the program Thursday night.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

There were 443 in attendance at Sunday school. Five new members were added to the roll of membership yesterday. The pastor announced that next Sunday a week's service, preparatory to quarterly meeting, would be held. The Epworth league discusses "Japan" at its regular meeting tonight.

M. B CHURCH ACTIVITY.

On Sunday Rev. M. B. Shayd as a fitting discourse at the close of the five weeks' revival, preached a moving sermon at the United Brethren church on the "Harvest is Past, the Summer is Ended, and We Are Not Saved." There were 76 conversions as the result of the meetings and now there are 324 members of the church, which is crowded to the doors at each service. On Sunday the congregation subscribed $500 to a fund for the enlargement of the audience room, giving seating space for 150 more people. The partition will be taken out tomorrow and the church will be given a new carpet, and the woodwork repainted. The parsonage will also be enlarged by the addition of two rooms, and the interior will be rearranged and renovated. All told about $800 will be expended on the church and parsonage improvements. The church was never in a more flourishing condition than at present.

AT THE NIPTITE SCHOOL.

Sunday afternoon Harry Dill held services at the Niptite schoolhouse. When the invitation was given one young lady came forward and made the good confession. There was a small attendance on account of bad roads, but he reports a very good meeting.

CHURCH NOTES.

The members of the Sunday school orchestra will give a concert next Tuesday night at the First Presbyterian church. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Sunday school of the church.

The members of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual meeting and tea next Wednesday evening. Tea will be served from 5 to 7 and at 7:30 o'clock there will be a praise service and programme.

The members of the Briar Missionary society will meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. O. Jones, No. 1125 North Church street. Miss Alice Roberts will give a talk on the Sanewich Islands.

Rev. Cox, presiding elder of the Free Methodist church, preached at the Gospel way mission Sunday afternoon.

Sunday evening Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Congregational church, preached the second of a series of sermons on "The Via Dolorosa." His subject was "King Solomon of Kentucky."

Communion services were held Sunday morning by Rev. W. Bedford Jones at St. John's Episcopal church.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon preached Sunday afternoon at the Westminister chapel.

At the First Baptist church Sunday morning communion services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Bowyer.

The class in Literature will meet at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The class in Household Economics will meet at the Presbyterian church parlors on Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. The subject to be discussed will be "Meats and How to Prepare and Cook Them." There will be papers on "Broiling, Boiling and Roasting," "How to Use Cheap Cuts," "How to Cook Cheap Cuts."

The Girl's Mission Band of College street chapel will hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

On next Monday evening at the First M. E. church Rev. E. B. Randle will give the first of the series of lectures to be given by the Methodist ministers of the city to the C. E. society of the First M. E. church. His subject will be "Methodism."

"SUPERBA" TO-NIGHT.

A Beautiful Spectacular Performance —"Darkest America" Next.

TONIGHT.

The Hanlon Brothers' "Superba," that remarkable combination of all that is wholesome and in vogue in the way of entertainment; that Olliaporida of merriment will be at the Grand tonight. This charming spectacle is well known to the theatre-going public and each season that it has been seen it has appeared in a new dress. The piece is now in the eighth year of its success, but so remarkable an entertainment it is that its popularity does not seem to wane. Part of this may be accounted for from the fact that the Hanlons each year introduce so much that savors of novelty into the old piece that when it appears from their theatorium in Boston it is practically a new play under the old name. It has always been up to a paying standard.

DARKEST AMERCA.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was the first negro play to achieve success; since that production all negro dramas have been built upon the same lines. A cruel master, a brutal overseer and any other character the author's brain could conjure up; any character that could do his share towards humbling and degrading the negro was put into the play. One in a thousand of the present time has any knowledge of slave life in the south before the war.

Darkest America is a truthful review of negro life in all its phases before and after the war; scenes of historical interest blended with which is the humorous eccentricities of the negro. A wealth of special scenery makes the scenes natural; every man, woman and child interested in our country should see Darkest America at the Grand Wednesday night, March 9th.

Will Filed.

F. P. Wells has offered for probate the will of his father, the late W. T. Wells. Judge Hammer set March 39 as the date for the hearing.

It is a wise infant that goes to sleep when its mother begins to sing to it.

OKLAHOMA FIGHT

Three Men Arrested for Raising Disturbance.

TROUBLE ON SHORT STREET

Two Drunken Men Have a Quarrel—Sunday Was a Bad Day for Disorderly Conduct and Fighting.

Five men were put under arrest Sunday for participating in drunken fights. There was quite a disturbance in Oklahoma yesterday afternoon. Leonard Traub, Theodore Wackerman and George Walser were drunk and rising a disturbance. They visited the campers south of the city who have with them a trained bear. The young men having fun with the bear and made themselves very unpleasant to the people in the neighborhood. After making a good deal of noise the and indulging in fighting they left but not seeming to have had enough fun they came back again. In the meantime the trouble had been reported to the sheriff and when the young men returned to continue there disturbance Deputy Sheriffs Sam Stabler and Cass Nicholson were waiting to receive them. The officers arrested the three men and put them in the county jail. This morning they were brought before Judge Hammer and were fined $5 and costs each for disorderly conduct. Traub paid his fine and was released and the other two were put back again in the county jail.

The city police arrested two men on the levee last evening. They were drunk and were fighting, so the police took them up.

WILL BE CARED FOR.

Lydia Williams, the Woman Found in the Hay Stack.

Lydia Williams, the woman who was found under a hay stack on the Hirsch farm near Long Creek, is now at the poor farm. The woman's feet were terribly frozen. Her mind seems to be slightly unbalanced. She is very deaf and it is difficult to converse with her. The woman is a Norwegian and Attorney A. G. Webber and several others have interested themselves in her case. Sunday afternoon Mr. Webber visited the woman at the poor farm and talked with her in her native stongue, or rather wrote questions on a paper and the woman answered them. She says that she was in Decatur for two years and that she is unmarried. She has sisters living in Kansas. The woman was at one time employed at the residence of Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, but her actions were so queer that the family feared that she was not a fit person to be in the house. The woman sought for work at various places. Recently she has been working in the family of R. Thomas at 958 East Eldorado street and she says that she left to seek work in the country February 24.

The woman's frozen feet are in a very bad condition and need constant attention. It is impossible at the poor farm to give the proper care to sick persons. The steward and his assistants do the best they can but the poor house is not fitted with facilities for caring for the sick. It is possible that some effort will be made to have the woman taken to the hospital where she can be properly cared for or a nurse may be furnished to look after the woman while she is at the poor farm.

Death of Matthew Skelly.

A telegram has been received announcing the death of Matthew Skelly, aged about 60 years, which occurred at his home at Elkhart, Ind., on Sunday. The deceased leaves a family. Death was caused by blood poisoning, the result of a wound received 38 years ago. He was a bookkeeper by occupation and brother of Frank and John Skelly of Decatur and Lewis F. Skelly of Houston, Texas. He had visited Decatur on several occasions.

Sick at the Poor Farm.

Carpenter the man who was taken from Macon to the poor farm, is quite ill. He is suffering from a complication of diseases and has eaten scarcely anything for the past ten days.

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WEATHER.

Chicago, March 7.—Illinois: Fair tonight and Tuesday; fresh southerly winds.

An "Untoward Frost."

American Economist: Senator Cullom of Illinois was a speaker at the banquet of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Board of Trade of New York on Washington's birthday and in the course of his remarks he yielded to the patriotic spirit of the day and the occasion to the extent of painting some rosy pictures of the present and future commercial greatness of the United States. He said in part:

Situated as you gentlemen are at the fountain head of American trade, occupying the highest seats of American commerce, with the broad fields of all the oceans at your feet, your ships plough their furrows from horizon to horizon carrying to the ends of the earth the gathered products of America and bringing to your wharves their golden return

The balance of trade in our favor for the last calendar year, 1897, reached the sum of $355,000,000, which has added much to the prosperity and advancement and the improvement of the country.

What does this mean to our people? If we sell $350,000,000 more goods each year for three years than we buy, that is an aggregate of $1,000,000,000 to be added to the credit side of our commercial balance sheet. Will not that wonderful reversal of the current of business have its certain effect upon our prosperity and general welfare?

Let but this unparalleled record of our trade and commerce and enterprise continue, as it must and will continue under our fostering tariff legislation, and we shall soon be the greatest supply house of the commercial world. (Applause.)

Powerful and really great is as the British nation, we of the United States need not be nervous or disheartened over our own future. The contest for supremacy in the commercial world need give us no fear. All we need to do is to go steadfastly and persistently forward, just as we are now doing, maintaining our present unequaled system of protection, meeting our obligations at home and abroad with 100 cents on the dollar and standing as a nation

"Four square to all the winds that blow."

Then the United States, out riding every storm, will easily become the first nation of the earth (Applause.)

If no untoward frost shall fall upon the business interests of the United States, and if the young giant of push and progress shall not be withered and choked by adverse legislation, I affirm my belief that the coming five years will witness the most complete and widespread increase and extension of profitable business and consequent prosperity and happiness ever experienced in our beloved country. (Great applause.)

No fault can be found with Senator Cullom's sentiment or rhetoric; both are admirable and pleasing. It is a pity, however, that they are not altogether sustained by facts. It is, unfortunately, to "your ships"—that is, the ships of the members of the New York Merchants' and Manufacturers' Board of Trade—that "plough their furrows from horizon to horizon, carrying to the ends of the earth the gathered products of America and bringing to your wharves their golden return."

They are, more's the pity, all alien ships, owned and manned almost entirely by foreigners, to whom we pay $300,000,000 every year, or nearly the amount of that favorable trade balance which in three years mounts to an "aggregate of $10,000,000,000 to be added to the credit side of our commercial balance sheet." Not so Senator Cullom. If we keep on paying 25 per cent. of the gross value of our exports to vessels built and owned in Europe and officered and sailed by foreigners, it is going to be a long while before we shall "easily become the first nation of the earth."

The "untoward frost" that is mentioned by the Illinois senator as the string wherewith his glowing prediction may be pulled back is already upon us to the extent of $30,000,000 a year which for the most part goes to swell British bank accounts and maintain British supremacy in commerce industry and finance.

The frost is with us and upon us, and it will remain to check the tremendous prosperity which is rightfully ours until Senator Cullom and his fellow protectionists in congress awake to the real state of the case and meet the legislation necessary to treat the American ship on the same basis that our tariff laws treat the American factory.

As the case now stands, the American ship is the only American thing with which the outside world comes into competition that is not protected. That is the "untoward frost" which blights the fruitful prospect in Senator Cullom's patriotic picture.

Fall of Sugar Stock.

The gentlemen who were uproariously insisting that the enactment of the Dingley law was the true cause of the advance in the price of sugar-trust stock are saying nothing about the fact that the stock has fallen from 160 to 120 with that same Dingley law still in force.

It is easy to make assertions, but the fellow who makes them on a false basis is likely to get tripped up in the long run. If the advance in the sugar-trust stock coincident with the enactment of the Dingley law was due to permanent advantages which the trust was given under that law, why has its stock fallen within seven months of the enactment of that law to a figure lower than that at which it sold before the law was enacted? The fact is, the advance in sugar-trust stock, which occurred as soon as it was known that the act would place no internal revenue tax upon the sugar already in the bonded warehouses in this country, was due solely to the knowledge that the trust had enormous quantities of sugar on hand upon which it would realize extra profits equal to the increase of duties made by the Dingley law.

While his special advantage was only temporary and likely to simply continue until the stock of sugar in hand was absorbed. it was sufficient to indicate extra dividends and a consequent advance. Now that the large stock of sugar which the trust had then in hand has been absorbed and the profits made upon it, the stock goes back to a figure lower than that at which it sold prior to the enactment of the Dingley law, thus showing that the claim that that law would operate to its permanent advantage was false.

Attending the Revival.

A number of persons from the neighboring towns have been attending the big revival at the tabernacle. Among those noticed are the following: Miss Stella Winters, E T. Clements, Miss Ethel Clements and Edith Lively, Blue Mound Misses Edna Rie, Sue Rie and Gertie Knowles, Mowesqua; Rev. G. W. Hall, Orsana; Rev. J. G. M. Luttenberger and wife, Dorchester.

Council Meeting To-Night.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held this evening. The monthly reports of the city officials will be made, it being the first meeting of the month. The report of the city comptroller will show that the expenditures of February were $6,311.27 and the receipts in the general fund $13,657. The receipts in the street paving fund were $8,425.88, sewer account, $463.19.

Bought a Horse.

John Delbridge, the horseman, has purchased from John Park, the filly. The animal is a full sister to Prestoria Wilkes and is a fine filly.

Hard to Combat.

The Evidence of Our Senses --What Decatur People Say is Pretty Good Proof for Decatur.

When we see it ourselves.
When our own ears hear it.
When our neighbors tell it.
Our friends endorse it.
No better evidence can be had.
It's not what people say in Maine.
Or distant mutterings from California.
No deceiving echoes here.
Decatur talk of Decatur people.
Public opinion published for the public good.
There is no proof like home proof.
Home testimony at the back of every box of
Doan's Kidney Pills.
Can you believe your neighbors?
Read this statement by a citizen.

Mr. A. J. Anderson of 435 East Decatur street, telegraph operator says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are advertised to cure backache and they did it to perfection in my case. Early last spring, 1897, I lifted a large tub of water and I think strained my kidneys. If this was not the case it was certainly the commencement of my kidney trouble. I had a constant pain in my back and sides and stooping or turning about always increased it. At first I paid little or no attention to it, thinking it would wear off, but I was mistaken for it got worse right along. In June I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and got a box at a drug store. I took them as directed gradually; the pain began to leave me and when I finished one box it left me entirely. I have not been bothered with it since. I will always recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to my friends and should I ever be in need of a like remedy it will be Doan's Kidney Pills that I shall use and nothing else."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

DECATUR ARGONAUTS.

They Sailed from Seattle on Saturday for Copper City Gold.

A letter received this morning by Mrs. G. H. Conklin was mailed at Seattle on last Thursday and says the Conklin party was then ready to sail. Everything was packed, the last piece of harness, the food was bought and the steamer Valancia was then in the harbor and they would go aboard on Friday morning. The steamer sailed on Saturday. Mr. Conklin writes that a Mr. A. A. Sanders, a former Decatur citizen, and a party came up from San Francisco on the steamer, also a party of 30 came in on Thursday from St. Louis and were headed by an experienced miner from British Columbia, all bound for Copper City. Mr. Conklin says the rush for the Klondike that we read about so much grows greater every day but old and experienced miners say that the rush might continue at the present rate for 10 years and the gold land would not then be thoroughly explored. There are hundreds and hundreds of miles of the richest territory where no prospecting has been done at all. The party is more than ever convinced that they have chosen the right place to begin their work as the rush from Klondike is headed that way and hundreds of miners are going to Copper City just as soon as the rivers are opened up for navigation. The Conklin party will cross the Valdet pass, which is considered even more dangerous than the famous Chilcoot pass, but by doing this will reach the gold fields at Copper City in advance of the parties who are depending on the rivers for transportation. In copies of papers mailed from Seattle the stories of the riches that are daily pouring into Seattle from the gold fields read like fairy tales and act as a constant incentive and stimulant to those waiting to sail.

In making the final arrangements the party bought two tons of shelled corn, one and one-fourth tons of oats and one ton of alfalfa hay for their oxen. They will take six oxen and two ponies. The larger oxen, of which they have two, will draw three sleds and the smaller ones two sleds. They will also carry pack saddles with a part of the daily provisions. Mr. Conklin says the greatest fun they have had since they reached Seattle was in shoeing the oxen. The beasts resented this innovation very much and had to be bound and hung in the air in order to accomplish the work.

DECATUR NOT IN IT.

High School Representatives Form an Association.

Litchfield, Ill., March 7.—Delegates from several high schools met Saturday in this city to form an association to be known as the Central Illinois Athletic and Oratorical association. Invitations had been sent to several high schools, and the following schools were represented: Taylorville, Prof. W. E. Andrews; Pana, G. P. Randle; Alton, John R. Richards; Jacksonville, H. S. Weston; Litchfield, H. Stuttle; East St. Louis, E. D. Moore, of the Monroe high school, Litchfield, Prof. J. E. Wooters and R. C. Schellenbarger. The convention was called to order by Prof. J. E. Wooters, and a constitution was adopted similar to that of the Southern Illinois Association. It was decided that only male members should be allowed to contest in oratory and only female members in declamation. W. E. Andrews of Taylorville, was elected president; H. S. Weston of Jacksonville, vice president, and W. C. Schellenbarger of this city, secretary and treasurer. The oratorical meeting will be held in this city on the evening of May 6, and the athletic on May 7.

Great Day at the Tabernacle.

There were 37 additions at the tabernacle yesterday. It was the greatest day in the history of the Church Street Christian church. The crowds were simply enormous, many being turned away from the evening service. The platform had been beautifully decorated by the floral committee, of the Endeavor society. The music was of the usual inspiring order, and delightfully rendered under the leadership of Prof. Calvin. Everything was at high water mark. There were 12 additions at the Sunday school service, two at the noon service, one at the ladies meeting, one at the Endeavor hour, and 21 at the night meeting. Evangelist Coombs preached six powerful sermons during the day. Pastor Hall was here and there and everywhere directing things, and was in a happy mood. In addition to the main choir of 185 voices, about 50 little folks from the Junior A chorus occupied the platform at night, and sang several selections beautifully. Little Vesda Coombs, daughter of the evangelist, only five years old, sang a solo, being accompanied in the chorus by the entire audience of nearly 2000 people. The meeting is only 12 days old, and yet the number of additions gained is 63. The work will be continued throughout the week, and over another Sunday if the interest warrants. Services every night at 7:30 There were 18 baptism last night, and there will be a great many more on Wednesday evening.

The Last Call.

The tax collector's office must close March 10. If you have not paid your personal taxes you should call at once and pay them. Office second floor court house. Open evenings. 2-dtd

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Begin to-day. The near approach of Spring House-Cleaning time, together with the fact that our prices are always materially reduced makes these yearly efforts immensely popular. Wise women do the buying early--when stocks are full and assortments complete.

"Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back" is an understood agreement between us and our customers and the buying public are day by day becoming convinced that for worthy wares no house in Central Illinois maintains a lower scale of prices.

LACE CURTAINS

And other kinds too.



This Spring News from the Curtain and Upholstery Section will prove very interesting reading to economical housekeepers. With every passing season there comes a demand for new beauties—materials and patterns for attaining new effects. So, with every year, larger and more varied stocks of Curtains and Upholsteries are required. There is a growing tendency among women to select such goods early in the season and we'll expect you in on a tour of inspection even if you haven't the slightest intention of buying.

We've Rope Portieres in a bewildering assortment of pretty patterns—from $1.50 to four or five times as much; Tapestry Curtains—a larger and more varied line than any other shop in town—from $1.98 to $12.50 and Chenile Curtains—in a host of new colorings—from $1.85 to a Ten Dollar Bill.

We can fit your windows with new Spring Shades complete with a serviceable roller at several small prices between a Dime and a Half-Dollar; and will make shades to order of any size or color on short notice at exceptionally low figures.

Silkolines and Tinsel Cloths for Fancy Work and Upholstery are having their inning now and we've some beauties that can't be justly described in type—at 10c, 12½c, and 15c yd.

THREE SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK.

40 pair of Nottingham Lace Curtains—3½ yards long and 60 inches wide—can't be found at any other store under $2.00—at— **$1.63 a pair.**

24 pair of Irish Point Lace Curtains—3½ yards long and 60 inches wide—never offered under $2.75—at—**$1.98 a pair.**

30 pair of Ruffled Muslin Curtains—3½ yards long and 50 inches wide—a half dozen pretty figured patterns—absolutely worth $1.50—at—**98c a pair.**

BEDDING

If you're not accustomed to buying your Spring and Summer Bedding in March it would be a mighty good habit to form. This sale is a yearly recurring event at The Big Store and those of you who have patronized us in previous years will be apt to be on hand again this time. Please note the extreme lowness of the prices.

Fine Hemstitched Bleached Sheets—81x90 inches—at—
39c each.

Lockwood Sheets—unbleached—81x90 inches—ready to use—at—
29c each.

Pillow Cases—45x36 or 42x36 inches—ready to use—at
5c each.

Fine Pillow cases—deep hem—best Satine—regularly sell at 12½c—at—
9c each.

Extra large Bed Spreads—Marseilles patterns—the $1.25 sort—at—
$1.00 each.

Turkish Mattress Protectors—the newest and best protector made—54x72 inches—at—
$1.98 each.

Silkoline Comforts—Spring weight—made from very finest materials—at—
$1.75 each.

Down Comforts—light weight—finest French Satine—at—
$3.50 each.

Combination Pillows—best ticking—soft and fluffy—compares with any $1 25 pillow—at—
75c each.

All Feather Pillows—best Fancy Ticking—clean feathers—at $1.49, $1 25 and
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Pillows made to order—any size. Select your own ticking. Our live geese feathers are equal to any ever offered at 75c lb. For our annual March Sale—
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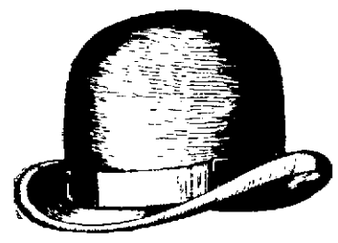
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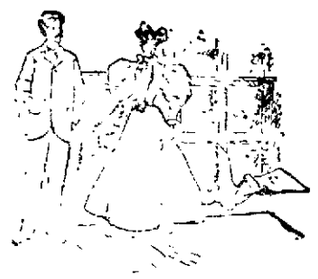
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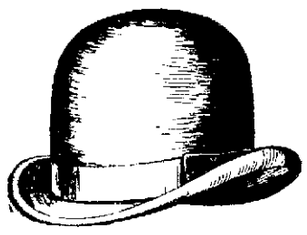
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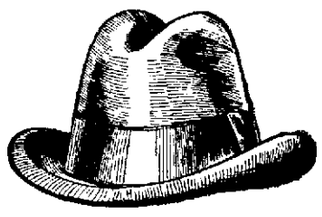
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Spring Hats.



We are showing the new spring blocks in all dimensions in Stiff Hats. We are agents for the celebrated "Langley" and "Enquirer" in Blacks, Seal Browns, French Brown, Cuba, Sable and Otter.



In Fedoras we are showing the "Langley" and "Enquirer" in Black, Brown, Sable, Otter, Cuba and Pearl. Many of them have the new under brims, the under side of the brim being of a different color from the body of the hat.

Stylish Dressers

Will find much to interest them in our Hat Stock. . . . . .

B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 N. Water St., Next to Bradley Bros.

25c

Buys 75c Shoes for Infants in Powers' Bargain Basement, at 143 East Main Street.

50c

Buys $1.25 Child's Shoe in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 East Main Street.

$1.85

Buys Ladies' $3.00 Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 East Main St,

$1.50

Buys Ladies' $4.00 Patent Leather Spring Heel Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main Street.

$1.00

Buys Misses $2.00 Spring Heel Tan Shoes, in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main St.

98c

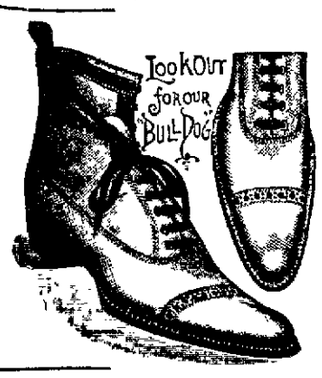
Buys Children's splendid wearing Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement Shoe Store.

$1.19

Buys Ladies' Tan Shoes, Splendid for wear, in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main st.

GENTLEMEN:

Powers calls attention to his New *$2 98* Shoes, made in all kinds of leather, hand sewed welt, up to date in every respect; better than many $4.00 shoes, and equal to some sold at $5.00 in other stores. 1400 pairs sold last fall and nothing but praise from everyone.



Over 5,000 have visited and purchased in Powers' Bargain Basement since its opening. A complete stock of reliable shoes at much below the market value.

☞ I am not connected with any other shoe store in Decatur. My store on East Main street is absolutely my only place of business.

GEO. W. POWERS.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. J. W. Sawyer is ill.

—Harry Folrath spent Sunday in Cerro Gordo.

—A. J. Klaifer of Chicago is in the city.

—Mrs. William Bowers, who has been seriously ill of lagrippe, is better.

—Dr. Everett J. Brown spent Sunday in New Berlin.

—John B. Shellabarger has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., on a business trip

—Arthur Gallagher of Springfield was in the city Sunday visiting friends.

—Dr. A. M. Drew has returned from a professional trip at Wiedon.

—Mrs. W. L. Ford of Illiopolis is the guest of Decatur friends today.

—S. Allsup will go to Effingham this evening for a visit.

—Mr. Summerhill of Champaign spent Sunday with Decatur friends.

—Miss May Miller of Cisco spent Sunday with her parents here.

—Mrs. T. P. Lanning of Jacksonville arrived in the city today to visit Mrs. J. M. Maris.

—Miss Laura Jenkins, who has been visiting friends at Taylorville for several days past, returned home this morning.

—Mrs. John W. Graham returned this afternoon from a visit with friends in Mattoon.

—Mrs. Everett J. Brown and father, Dr. Brown, returned last evening from a visit with friends at New Berlin.

—Mrs. J. B. Dinges, who was seriously ill for some time, is now able to be out and has entirely recovered.

—Mrs. J. R. Race and daughter, Miss Ella, left this afternoon for a stay of five weeks at Hot Springs, Ark.

—Miss Nellie Stickle of Monticllo was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mae Stickle last Saturday.

—Rev. Arthur Morrisson occupied the pulpit at the Cumberland Presbyterian church services on Sunday morning.

—Miss Hallie Parson of Santa Rosa, Cal., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Morgan.

—Mr. J. N. Cline of Kenny is the guest of her brother, D. A. Muffit, and her sister, Mrs. Samuel Shupp.

—Miss Josephine Bold will return tomorrow from a visit of two weeks with friends at Effingham.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Osgood left this morning for a stay of three days at Clinton and Farmer City.

—Miss Leida Hoyle, of Lincoln, returned home on Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. R. V. Maltory of Whitsel avenue.

—Mrs. F. E. Fair of St. Louis has returned to her home at St. Louis after a visit with Mrs. McDonald of East North street.

—Mrs. Norman Gouker has resumed her position as saleswoman at Gushard's dry goods store after an absence of several months on account of illness.

—Baldwin Starr, who has been seriously ill of tonsilitis, is much better and has resumed his position at the Citizens' National bank.

—Murray Millikin, who has been traveling through northern Michigan on business for the Mueller Manufacturing company, is in the city and will be here for a week before leaving on another trip.

—Monroe Harmon and daughter, Miss Lola, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Werner, en route from their home at Mansfield, Ohio, to a visit with friends in California.

—Mrs. B. P. Cox of Shelbyville and Frank Lyman of the University of Champaign were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E A. Morgan over Sunday.

—Mrs. H. R. Arnett, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Augustine, for the past three weeks left for her home at Rankin, Ill., this morning.

—W S. Wright, editor and proprietor of the Logansport, Ind , Journal was in the city over Sunday visiting friends. He left today for Terre Haute.

Sales of Real Estate.

George A. Fleming to Charles M. Wilson, lot 5 in H. S. Evans' second subdivision of a part of the northwest quarter of 15, 16, 2 east; $2500.

George A. Fleming to Charles M. Wilson, lot 7 of E. L. Martin's subdivision of the north half of block 7 of Kaufman addition to Decatur; $3000.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED.

In the county court today Judge Hammer appointed S. P. Nickey administration of the estate of the late Mary M. Froman. The administrator gave bond in the sum of $2500, with O B Gorin and J. M. Brownback as surities.

After using a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm you will be sure to buy the 50 cent size. Cream Balm has no equal in curing catarrh and cold in head. Ask your druggist for it or send 10 cents to us.
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I suffered from Catarrh three years; it got so bad I could not work; I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well; I would not be without it
A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston.

Republican Township Convention.

The Republicans of Friends Creek township will meet in convention Saturday, March 19, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township offices. E. H Thomas, Chairman; F. R. Querry, Secretary.—2-d&w

SHOOTING NEAR CLINTON.

Clark Helmick Attempted Saturday to Kill Two People.

Clinton Public, March 5: Clark Helmick, who lives two miles west of Farmer City, attempted to kill his brother-in-law, Bob Phares, and sister-in-law, at 2 p. m. today. The bullet scraped the leg of Mr. Phares and hit the hand of the lady, neither wound being serious. No cause is assigned for the rash act. Mr. Helmick has been acting strangely of late, some fearing his mind is disordered. A warrant was placed in Sheriff Neal's hands for his arrest, which was promptly executed by the sheriff and Policeman Campbell. They arrested Helmick at his home, finding on him a heavy slungshot, made of a large sleighbell filled with lead, also a revolver. He gave $500 bonds for his appearance on Tuesday, when State's Attorney Fuller will prosecute the case. His father is a well-to-do citizen of Santa Anna township. Clark Helmick is a cousin to Dan Helmick, who murdered George Davis at Mt. Pulaski on July 4th and who has been sent to the penitentiary for 40 years. Mrs. Helmick is in a delicate condition and is confined to bed in the house.

Death Bed Marriage.

Danville, March 7.—A young woman about 24 years old, giving her residence as Kankake, arrived here on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. She went to the Aetna house, where she met William James Lane Milligan, who was in the agonies of death from congestion of the stomach. The county clerk was routed out of bed, a marriage license was procured, and by 4 o'clock, a justice of the peace pronounced the couple man and wife. Milligan transferred his life insurance policy to his bride and died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. His remains were shipped to his home, Toronto, Canada.

He was the traveling representative of E. C. Helpine & Co. of New York city. But little is known about the parties, as every effort was made to keep the affair quiet. It is said that Milligan at one time was a captain in the English army.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 7.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yesterday.
Wheat—					
March	—	—	—	102¾	104¼
May	1 05⅝	106¾	103¾	104¾	104¾
July	90⅝	90⅞	90	90⅝	90⅝
Corn—					
March	—	—	—	28⅝	28⅜
May	30	30	29⅜	29⅝	30⅛
July	31⅛	31⅛	31	31⅛	31⅜
Oats—					
March	—	—	—	26	26½
May	26¾	27⅛	26⅜	26¾	26⅞
July	24⅜	24⅜	24⅛	24⅜	24¾
Pork—					
May	10 40	10 45	10 17½	10 25	10 40
Lard					
May	5 15	5 17	5 12½	5 12½	5 15
Ribs					
May	5 12½	5 17	5 05	5 10	5 12½

July wheat: Puts, 89¾; Calls, 90¾; Curb, 90¼.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—194; Estimated, 85; a year ago, 20
Corn—694, Estimated, 800; a year ago, 263
Oats—370, Estimated, 310; a year ago, 235.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 77, Corn, 710; Oats, 300.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 32,000. Estimated, 22,000.
Market slow,
Light, $3.83@3.97; Mixed $3 87@4 02;
Heavy $3 95@4.05; Rough, $3.85@3 90
Estimated for to-morrow, 25,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 26 000. Market weak, 10c lower

Superba tonight

Settles Nervous Bankruptcy.

Investigation shows that men who succeed are men of brains—strong nerves—great will power. Ordinary food cannot supply the vital forces which people with active brains and bodies require. **Bicola Pills** feed the nerves—make the mind bright, muscles strong—make flesh and blood and give perfect health to *Men and Women*. THE TURNERS OF PHILADELPHIA make **Bicola Pills.**

J. E. Buckey, Chief Clerk National Hotel Washington, D C. testifies that he was all run down—was a shadow of his former self—Bicola Pills gave him wonderful relief—he gained over twenty pounds after using them.

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Turner's Little Liver Turners—A very small pill. Turn your liver. Cure Sick Headache—Biliousness—Indigestion.



REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To Mrs. Pat McGinty and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described. You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes and special assessments, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state on the 23d day of June, A. D. 18 6 J C Hostetler purchased the following described real estate situate in said Macon county, to wit: Lot three, (3,) H. M. Whitmer's addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes for the year 1895 including special taxes and special assessments and interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate and assigned the certificate of purchase to me, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed or assessed as aforesaid in the name of Mrs. Pat McGinty, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23d day of June 1898

MARY E. TULLY,
7-d8w Assignee of J. C. Hostetler.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

'98 SHIST WAISTS---95c.

We haven't advertised the new Shirt Waists before but we've sold quite a few already. Shoppers have been particularly interested in a line that we're selling at 95c. They're made of a good, firm, quality of Percale and French Gingham in a score or so of pretty Plaid, Check, Bar and Stripe effects. Most of them have gathered or tucked bias fronts and yoke backs and are fitted with the popular self collars and cuffs. Such Waists have actually never sold in a Decatur shop priced under $1.25. These are The Big Store's leader at the popular price of—

95c.

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Spring Dress Goods.

We think that our present showing of Spring Dress Fabrics is a trifle superior to any other that we've ever had—but we had rather hear what you think of it. There's so many fabrics—so many new weaves—so many pretty colorings—that it's impossible to give you any adequate description of the entire stock, but here's three lots that are representative.

75c for 40-inch Granite Cloths; 40-in. Worsted Serges—guaranteed not to shrink or spot; 40-inch French Beiges—illuminated effects; 46 in. Light Spring Fancies; 40 inch Corded Poplins; 40 inch Fancy Checks—all worth at least $1 a yard.

50c for 46 inch French Serges; 40 inch Figured Epingles. 40 inch French Beiges—in a host of colors; 38 inch Plain and Fancy Black Brilliantines. 46 inch Black and Colored Clay Worsteds—over two hundred pieces—all worth at least 65c a yard.

25c for 36 in. All Wool Cheviots, 36 inch All Wool Checks; 36 inch Mohair Fancies, 40 inch English Worsteds—in light and dark Mixtures—nearly a hundred pieces of Fancy Spring Dress Goods—all this season's purchase—and well worth 35c a yard.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

New Ribbons and Trimmings.

If you get a glimpse of the new Ribbons you'll be of the opinion that "Spring has come" whether the weather says so or not. It seems that they're a trifle gayer than heretofore—most all the usual colors and a few with which we were not previously acquainted, being woven into 1898 ribbon elegance. Plaids and Bayadere stripes seem to be the pets of fashion, but the quieter checks and stripes are close seconds. We catalogue a few of the new arrivals and will expect you in to see them.

New Bayadere and Roman Sashes—
New Fringed End Spring Ties—
New Pompadour, Bebe and Taffeta Ruching—
New Spangled and Brode Nets—
New Black Sash Ribbons—3 to 7 inches wide—
New Double Faced Satin Ribbons—

VERY SPECIAL.

New Plaid Ribbons—four colors—3½ inches wide—
8c yard.

New Bayedere Ribbons—the leader for '98—19c and—
12 1-2c yard.

POWERS GRAND OPERA HOUSE
J. F. GIVEN Manager.

MONDAY, MARCH 7th.

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HANLON'S SUPERBA...

A GORGEOUS SPECTACLE,
With a Stage Full of People.
PRETTY GIRLS TILL YOU CAN'T REST

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AMUSING SPECIALTIES,
CHARMING SCENERY....
A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.—
Tickets on sale at the Opera House Drug Store Friday morning at 8 o'clock sharp.

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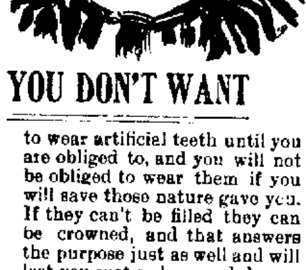
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the new shoe for women.



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to wear artificial teeth until you are obliged to, and you will not be obliged to wear them if you will save those nature gave you. If they can't be filled they can be crowned, and that answers the purpose just as well and will last you just as long and do you as much service as your natural teeth. Don't have your tooth extracted until you know nothing can be done for it.

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Rooms 6 and 7, over Bradley Bros.

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Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the County Court of Macon County, Illinois, at the February Term, A. D. 1898.

Albert H. Cope, administrator of the estate of Clarissa Devore, deceased, vs. Virgil Devore, Fenella Devore, Mary Cleghorn, Benjamin Cleghorn, Eliza Brewer, Jasper Brewer, Jasper Wilson, Clara Wilson, George Wilson, Nellie Wilson, Harriet Walsh, James Walsh, George Wilson and Jane Wilson;—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts and assign dower and homestead.

Public notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 2d of April, A. D. 1898, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, county of Macon and State of Illinois, between the hours of ten (10) o'clock a. m. and five (5) o'clock p. m. of said day beginning at two (2) o'clock p. m., by virtue of an order of the said court entered at the February Term A. D. 1898 thereof, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, to-wit: Forty-eight (48) feet off of the east end of the following described land, to-wit: Commencing at the center of the north line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section number sixteen (16), township number sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the Third Principal Meridian, thence south two (2) chains, thence west five (5) chains, thence north two (2) chains to the forty (40) acre line, thence east five (5) chains to the place of beginning, situate in Macon county, Illinois.

The terms of the said sale to be cash in hand on day of sale.

ALBERT H. COPE,
Administrator of the Estate of Clarissa DeVore, Deceased. m5-d4w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners in the firm name of W. R. Abbott & Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1898, transfer to the undersigned all of their property for the benefit of their creditors, except such as is allowed them under the exemption laws of the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments.

All persons having claims against the said William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners as aforesaid, are hereby notified to present the same under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this fifth day of March, A. D. 1898.

MICHAEL F. KANAN, Assignee.
March 5-d6w

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CAPT. W. T. SAMPSON.

President of the Maine Explosion Court of Inquiry.

Capt. William Thomas Sampson, president of the court of inquiry which investigated the Maine explosion, is the commander of the battle ship Iowa, is an old and an able sailor and has had much experience in fighting ships.

He came out of the naval academy in 1860 and went into service on the frigate Potomac. He was made master in 1861, lieutenant in 1862 and served on the practice ship John Adams for one year. After that he was a lieutenant on the ironclad Patapsco with the South At-



CAPT. W. T. SAMPSON.
(Commander of the United States Battle-ship Iowa.)

lantic blockading squadron. He escaped luckily from that ship when she was destroyed in Charleston harbor on January 15, 1865.

After the war Capt. Sampson served on the flagship Colorado and became lieutenant commander in 1866. For three years, until 1871, he was stationed at the naval academy. He was then assigned to the Congress, served a year on that ship at the European station and got his commission as commander on August 9, 1874. He was placed in command of the third-rater Alert, on which he served until 1875. Since then he has commanded the Swatara, has served at the academy, at the observatory, at the torpedo station and in other posts. He was commissioned a captain in March, 1889.

"That Tired Feeling"

overcomes us when inferior preparations are recommended by unscrupulous dealers as "just as good as Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup," when we know the unequaled merits of this great cough medicine. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The will of an old London merchant, which has just been published, shows him to have been something of a wag, for he had made a list of all his "bad debts" and left them as legacies distributed among his friends, one particularly favored person getting over $5000 worth.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Empress Augusta Victora of Germany found 144 German servant girls last year to whom she could give the golden servants' cross for having lived 40 years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

At a revival meeting in Louisville the presiding clergyman stopped the services, and announced that he was to be married forthwith to the young woman who led in the singing. After the ceremony the services proceeded.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Bismarck was wiser in his day than De Lome. When he was a diplomat at Nanheim, in 1859, he was promoted to Prussian envoy to St. Petersburg. Before leaving he wrote a letter to a member of the Prusian ministry, ending as follows: "As I have no safe means of forwarding this letter I resist the temptation to put political observations and reflections on paper."

A Truthful Statement.

An excellent and invaluable remedy, for the cure of cough, cold and hoarseness, is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and Mr. Jas. Hadfield, 350 West St., New York City, verifies this statement. He writes: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a most excellent remedy for cough, cold and hoarseness, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to all, who require such a valuable household medicine." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

CHILDREN IN CUBA'S WAR

Their Presence Upon the Battlefield a Pathetic Feature.

Little Ones in the Insurgent Camps Whose Playthings Are Cartridge Shells and Their Lullaby the Trumpet Call.

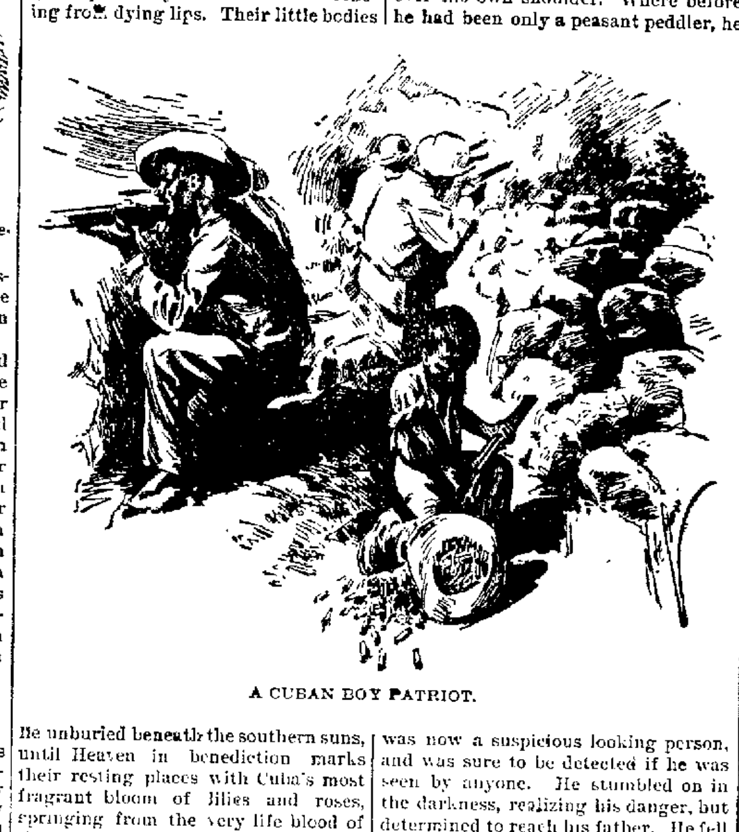
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There is no more pathetic feature in the war between Cuba and Spain than the actual presence of children upon the battlefield. The awful massacre of the Cubans by starvation as well as by bullet and sword has numbered among its victims many child martyrs to the cause of liberty.

There are little ones in the insurgent camps to-day whose playthings are cartridge shells; whose lullaby is the trumpet call and the noise of battle. This revolution must always live in history as one which numbers in its list of martyrs, baby patriots whose blood has stained their country's soil with that of their fathers and mothers.

These children die, most of them, from fever and insufficient food. They are gaunt little specters of childhood, with wan eyes that have looked upon terrible scenes of carnage and death. Some of them die on the field, where they march beside their fathers with tiny hands clasping some implement of war. Others are stricken down with machetes, or trampled upon by horses' hoofs in the wild charges of the insurgent army.

And these little martyr souls pass away without a mother's prayer or a mother's arms around them. Their requiem is the cry of "Cuba Libre!" echoing from dying lips. Their little bodies lie unburied beneath the southern suns, until Heaven in benediction marks their resting places with Cuba's most fragrant bloom of lilies and roses, springing from the very life blood of these infant warriors.



A CUBAN BOY PATRIOT.

The presence of women and children on the field of battle has been used as a reproach by the enemies of Cuba. There have been stories of armies of "Amazons"—described as rough masculine creatures leading the men on with their fury.

To those who know the real nature of the Cuban women these stories seem like fairy tales. The women of Cuba are intensely feminine in their natures—domestic, womanly creatures, fond of their children, to whom they devote themselves from babyhood.

The Cuban baby is a veritable monarch in the home of its parents, and in times of peace the education and the guidance of the child almost constitutes its mother's whole existence. The presence of women and their children on the field of battle is only due to the fact that every Cuban insurgent knows the Spanish volunteer will wreak his vengeance on women and children left unprotected in the towns. It is for this reason that whole families have fought together—children side by side with their parents—baby hands sometimes loading and reloading rifles for the men and women.

A Cuban boy or a Cuban girl often can handle a machete with as much skill as a man—much more dexterously than the average American who takes up the weapon wondering at its weight and apparent clumsiness. But the machete is really a household implement in the homes of the Cubans. It is used much as a hatchet is used in an American household, but with far greater diversity of uses. The Cuban boy can peel a cocoanut with a machete as easily as an American boy peels an apple with a jackknife. The machete is used to cut sugar cane, to trim vines and to cut the great cacti and palms that abound upon the island—giants in their growth.

There have been many child martyrs to the Cuban war for liberty. There are only a few names written on the death rolls, for the children have not been counted in with the soldiers. Somewhere in Havana, maybe, the names of those little ones are written in gold.

One case came to my memory, that of Jose Priest, a 15-year-old boy living with his mother and two sisters in Havana. His father was upon the field, and the boy helped to support his mother by selling fruit and flowers along the Prado. I had bought many bunches of roses from him, and had heard many bits of news from the field which he would whisper to me as he stopped each evening at the window of the Hotel Ingleterra with his wares. This boy died like a hero during my stay in Cuba.

It was at the time when the lack of ammunition was driving the insurgents to desperation. Several filibustering expeditions, carrying arms and ammunition in plenty, had been prevented from landing within the month, and the condition of affairs was desperate. And it is this fact that makes the machete charges of the insurgents the wildest and most terribly picturesque forms of battle.

The men sometimes faced their foes with only one bullet apiece to fight with. When this had been sent into the face of the Spanish volunteers—untrained and weakened from marching through swamps—the insurgents would raise their machetes in the air, and with the cry of liberty upon their lips, tears streaming from their eyes in the desperate realization of their position—they would charge, a-horse, a-foot, up to the very muzzles of the Spanish muskets, carrying all before them in the fury of the charge, hewing down the volunteers like sugar cane.

One night Jose told me that his father had sent a message saying that he had been so near Havana the night before that he had set his watch by the evening bells. "And I am going to see him to-morrow," he said, and showed me the letter, written in Spanish, that had come from the field appealing for aid from the city—especially asking for ammunition.

The next day Jose took a load of fruit out toward Mantanzas. The mule moved slower than ever under his panniers, for they were filled with cartridges. It was long afterwards that I heard the boy's story. Towards nightfall, when he had nearly reached the insurgents' camp, the tired little beast refused to proceed further under its heavy pack in spite of persuasion and even blows. Jose loosened the bags from the mule's back and slung them over his own shoulder. Where before he had been only a peasant peddler, he was now a suspicious looking person, and was sure to be detected if he was seen by anyone. He stumbled on in the darkness, realizing his danger, but determined to reach his father. He fell many times in that journey; his clothing was torn from his tired legs, but he plodded on until a sentry's challenge rang out somewhere in the night. Then he started to run, still carrying that heavy load; but two shots whizzed after him, one striking his shoulder. He hid behind rocks by the roadside until the lazy, half-drunken Spanish sentries had ridden away; then he started on again.

He reached the campfire of the insurgent detachment, where his father waited his coming, and fell forward at the feet of the surprised men, whispering that he had brought the bullets—and the loaves of white bread that his mother had sent, and a flask of red wine. The boy died two days later, his wound inflaming and fever setting in as a result of that terrible journey through the marshes.

Huedo Hernandez was one of the girl victims of the war. She was only 11 years old, and living at Cardenas. She was playing one day with some other children, when a stranger approached and asked her to carry a package to some one in the town. The little one innocently consented, and was on her way to the house indicated when she was arrested and the package seized. It happened to contain letters from an insurrecto to a woman relative. Hueda was charged with conspiracy against the government, and was cast into a foul prison. I do not know her ultimate fate.

The children of Cuba have suffered by this awful war as never children have before. War devastates homes and leaves hearthstones desolate in all cases, but this has been a war of extermination. In the children of Cuba Spain sees another generation of Cubans, even stronger in their patriotism than their fathers who have gladly given their lives in the cause of liberty.

Every Cuban boy and girl — every baby—has been looked upon as a menace to the Spaniard. These children must never be allowed to grow to manhood and to womanhood—strong in their love of country, with the memories of the ten years' war and all the wrongs and massacres that their parents have suffered in this war to avenge—so reasons the Spaniard.

And so it is that the children of Cuba have gone upon the battlefield to fight with their fathers. In the wonderful war that the Cubans have waged, holding their island in the face of an army three times their size, the child warriors have played an important part. Their innocent lives have been added to that vast altar upon which so many lives have been offered as a sacrifice.

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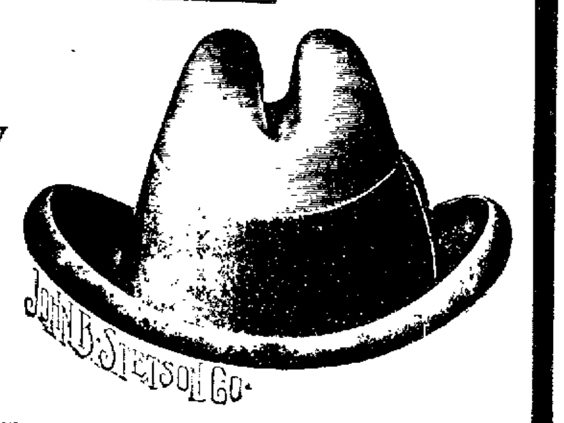


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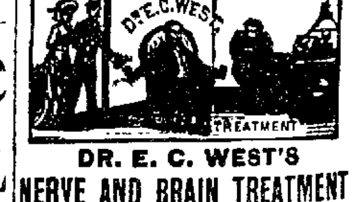
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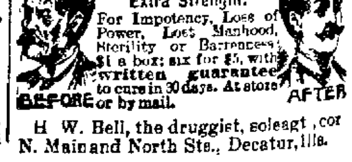
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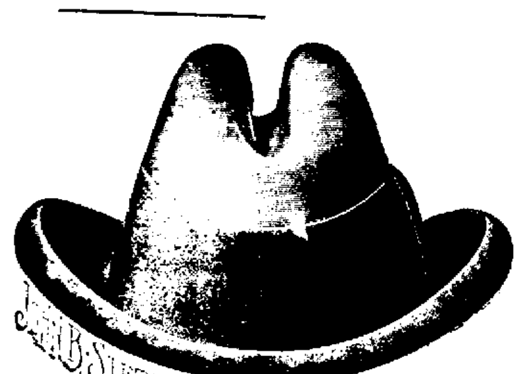
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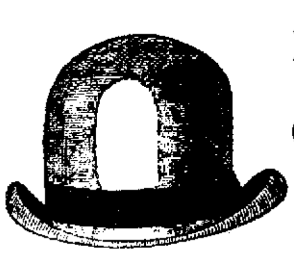
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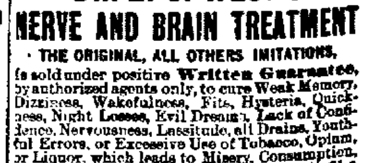
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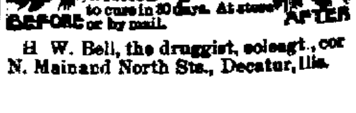
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A. For the erection and completion (except the steam heating and plumbing) of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home to be erected at Mattoon, Ill., for the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

B. For the steam heating of said building.
C. For the plumbing work in said building.
D. For the foundation work of said building.
E. For the enclosing of said building.
F. For the finishing of said building.

All tenders must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of three (3) per cent of the bid for work under heading "A" and five (5) per cent of the bid for work under headings "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F."

Said checks are to insure the execution of the contract and bond by whomever the contract may be awarded to and are to be made payable to C. M. Lytle, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said Home.

The successful bidder will be required to provide satisfactory bond in the sum of ten times the amount of the certified check to insure the full and faithful performance of the contract within the time specified.

Plans can also be seen at the offices of C. F. Mansfield, Monticello, Ill.; W. R. Jewell, Danville, Ill.; J. H. Raible, Alton, Ill.; H. A. Stone, Vandalia, Ill.; Grand Secretary J. R. Miller, Springfield, Ill.; Office of James H. Harris, 1521 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Ill., also at the office of E. J. Hodgson, the Architect, Mattoon, Ill.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bidders will be supplied with blank forms of proposals which must be filed properly else they will not be considered.

The architect will forward a set of drawings to any one upon receipt of a deposit of ten dollars. Seven dollars to be returned when plans are returned.

Feb 22-d1w C. M. LYTLE, Secretary.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph K. Love, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Joseph K. Love, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April, 1898, next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1898.

ELIZA J. LOVE, Executrix.

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JESSE FISHER, Executor.

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Mark Patten's stock sale at Rankin was one of the best in that part of the state, the proceeds amounting to $1486.55. Mr. Patten has made money as a cash renter and keeps a large family in the comforts of life.

Thomas Flynn, aged 40 years, died February 3 at Carlinville, leaving a wife and two children.

Mrs. Anna C. Krider, the oldest citizen of Homer, died March 2 after a long illness. She was 94 years old February 26.

Executrix' Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order and decree of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned, executrix of the estate of James F. Kazar, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased at the February term A. D. 1898 of said court, to-wit: the 15th day of February, 1898, I will on

The 26th Day of March, A. D. 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur in said Macon county, the real estate described as follows, to-wit: Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, in Block 1, in Bellevue Place, in said Macon county; also an undivided one-half interest in Lot 1 and 2 feet off the east side of Lot 2, of Brown & Gehrman's Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 in Allen, McReynolds & Co.'s Addition to the said City of Decatur; subject to incumbrances, for cash in hand on day of sale.

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SEALED BIDS.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for the purchase of the supply of water pipe, fittings and specials, to be used by the City of Decatur, Illinois, during the year 1898 will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of said city from the date hereof until four o'clock p. m. of Monday, the 7th day of March, A. D. 1898.

The size of pipe required will be four, six, eight, ten, twelve and sixteen inch, and such specials and fittings as may be required.

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Bids must separately state the price per ton for the different sized pipe and also state the price per ton for the whole amount required. Said bids must separately state the price for said fittings and specials.

A bond or certified check in the sum of two hundred dollars must accompany each bid.

All bids which conform to the above requirements will be submitted to the City Council, and said council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 25th day of February, A. D. 1898.
25-d10d JNO. A. REEVE, City Clerk.

Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the County Court of the January Term, A. D. 1898

Josiah M. Clokey, Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, vs. Irving W. Gordanier, Louis E. Gordanier, Albert A. Gordanier, Kittie L. Gordanier and The People's Savings and Loan Association—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the county court of Macon county, of the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, A. D. 1898, of the said county court, I, Josiah M. Clokey, administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased, will on

Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows to wit:

Lot twelve (12) in block nine (9), East Park Boulevards, situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, free from homestead and dower, on the following terms:

Terms of Sale—One-half cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder to be paid six months from day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser, or purchasers, with good personal security and a mortgage or mortgages, on the premises so sold, the deferred payments to bear six per cent. interest per annum from date of sale, with privilege on the part of purchaser or purchasers, of paying purchase money all cash. Premises to be sold subject to taxes for 1897.

Dated March 2, 1898.

JOSIAH M. CLOKEY,
Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Gordanier, deceased. march 2-d4w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Winter tourist rates to points south are now on. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.

For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penlwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Customers for the Prairie Street Woman's Exchange. Whole wheat, salt rising, yeast bread, pie and cake, fresh every day. Mrs. Reavis and Mrs. Gates in charge. Telephone, New, 471. March 2 d6*

WANTED—Washing and Ironing at 855 West King street. Will guarantee satisfaction. Feb 28 d6

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Apply to Mrs. Geo. W. Powers, 357 N. Edward st. Feb 24 d6

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash ave., telephone 667. HAYES & ANTHONY. oct 13-dtf.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

WANTED—Agents to sell Murat Halstead's Great Cuba Book; all about Cuba, Spain and War; great excitement; everyone buys it; one agent sold 87 in one day; another made $13.00 in one hour. 600 pages; magnificent illustrations; photographs, etc., low price; we guarantee the most liberal terms; freight paid; 20 days credit; outfit free; send 6 two-cent stamps to pay postage. THE BIBLE HOUSE, 324 Dearborn St., CHICAGO. mar 1-d6t

AGENTS WANTED—For War in Cuba, by Senor Quesada, Cuban representative at Washington. Endorsed by Cuban patriots. In tremendous demand. A bonanza for agents. Only $1.50. Big book. Big commissions. Everybody wants the only endorsed reliable book. Outfits free. Credit given. Freight paid. Drop all trash, and make $300 a month with War in Cuba. Address today THE NATIONAL BOOK CONCERN, 352-356, Dearborn st., Chicago. Feb. 23-d4m

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT BARGAIN—The three story stone and brick building, 20 and 22 Main street, Champaign, Ill., with lots running through to Taylor street, occupied by the firm of Eichberg & Baer, must be sold by March 15th on account of dissolution of firm. All offers to be considered must be made on or before March 15, 1898. Address MAX EICHBERG, 230 Fifth Ave., Chicago. 1-d2w

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1760 North Clinton street; new 'phone 185.—27-tf

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LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
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Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 187 North Water street.
LOW RATES.
May 20-dtf GEO. W. EHRHART.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR STOLEN—A Yorkshire terrier from 421 West William street; answers to name of "Jack." Tag No. 1. Disappeared Friday evening, Feb. 24th. Will pay suitable reward for return to above number. 28-d6

LOST—Between the 400 block North Water street and Woman's Club building, a square cluster breastpin; stones resemble diamonds but are light topaz. Return to 425 N. Water street. 21-d6*

MISCELLANEOUS.

TELEPHONE Old No. 390, New No. 390, for Potted Blooming Plants. Also Cut Flowers, in Roses, Carnations, Hyacinths, Violets, Lilies, Etc. N. BOMMERSBACH. Dec 7-dtf

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MILK DEPOT,
Milk, Cream, Butter and Dressed Poultry, Wholesale and Retail, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 24 dtf

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STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. PETER H. BRUECK, agent White Star Line and Hamburg-American Line, 215 N. Main feb 1-dtf

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THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan8-dtf

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STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURED—For the past nine years I have suffered intensely with rheumatism and neuralgia. The last attack was very severe. After suffering for some time I was induced by a friend to take Cerrodanle Capsules without cessation. To my surprise they cured me in a short time. I recommend them to all who suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia. R. O. ROSEN, Architect, Decatur Ill. Prepared by The Cerrodante Co., 21 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill.

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Legal Advs.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit
MACON COUNTY } Court.

George V. Loring, Complainant, vs Emily J. Smith, et al, Defendants, In Chancery. No. 16603.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, March 15, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots four (4) and five (5) in the subdivision of lot thirteen (13) in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten (10) in township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3d principal meridian, as recorded in Book 140 at Page 137 of the Plat Records of Macon county, Illinois, and more fully described as follows: Beginning 223 feet west and 150 feet south of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 16 north, range 2 east of the 3d p. m.; thence running west 177 feet, to the east line of North Main street, thence north 80 feet, thence east 177 feet, thence south 80 feet to place of beginning in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
E. S. McDonald, Complainant's Solicitor.
feb. 21-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit
MACON COUNTY, } Court.

Charles C. LeForgee, Trustee, Complainant, vs. G. Edward Schulz et al., Defendants.—In Chancery, No. 16,549.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court, A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Thursday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: The north half of lot one (1), in block one (1), in William Martin's Second Addition to the City of Decatur, situate in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 23d day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
LeForgee & Lee, Complainant's Solicitors.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit
MACON COUNTY, } Court

Benjamin A. Allison, Complainant, vs. James Lyons et al, Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16,573.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Monday, March 21, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot seven (7) in Block two (2), of Harpstrite & Shlaudeman's Addition to the City of Decatur, situate in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
LeForgee & Lee, Com. Sol. [feb 26-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the
MACON COUNTY, } Circuit Court.

James F. Thomas, Complainant, vs. Benedict M. Brookshier et al., Defendants—In Chancery: No. 16535.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said Court, A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 12, 1893,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot seven (7) of Mattie E. Blaine's Subdivision of Lots seven (7) and eight (8), in Block three (3), of Lake & Co.'s Addition of outlots to the City of Decatur, situated in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Complainant's Solicitors.
Feb 18-d3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of James Murphey and against Mrs. Mary McNalley, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot three (3), Block four (4), of B. H. Cassell's Second Addition to the City of Decatur, located in Macon county, State of Illinois. Taken as the property of Mrs. Mary McNalley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 24th day of February, A. D. 1898

J. P. NICHOLSON,
feb 24-dtd Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 189-.

CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR.,
29 d3w Administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis B. Casner, and against Clara E. Walker nee Eyman, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4.) Block three (3,) of Kaufman's addition to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Clara E. Walker nee Eyman, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 18th day of March A. D. 189-, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.

J. P. NICHOLSON,
feb 21-d3w Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.)

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3:55 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	† 9:20 a m	17	† 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	* 4:05 a m	6	* 5:25 a m
11	* 7:00 a m	24	†11:25 a m
26	† 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	10	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	* 5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	* 3:58 p m
10 Ft W. ac.	†1:30 p m	3	* 3:20 a m
34 Eff. Acc.	†4:40 p m	11 From Ft W	†12:50 p m
		35 Eff. Accom	†10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	* 4:07 p m	4	*11:25 a m
13	* 4:10 a m	12	*10:50 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	† 9:15 a m
35	†10:55 a m	34 Effg. acm.	† 4:35 p m
11 Bluff acm	† 7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs	† 6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RY.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:35 a. m.	A No. 2......2:50 p. m
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4......6:25 a. m
A No. 11......2:30 p. m.	S No. 36......7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2......3:00p. m.	A No. 1......10:45 a. m.
A No. 4......6:35 a. m.	D No. 3......10:20 p. m.
S No. 36......7:20 a. m.	A No 11......3:15 p. m.
A No. 10......10:35a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	

Vandalia Line.
In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.
No. 34—Freight, ex. Sunday............ 6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday............ 7:40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday............ 3:35 p

FROM TERRE HAUTE.
No. 7—Except Sunday............ 10:45 a m
No. 53—Freight, ex. Sunday............ 5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday............ 7:05 p m

DEPARTS WEST.
No. 5—Ex. Sunday............ 7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight ex. Sunday............ 7:50 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday............ 10:55 a m

FROM PEORIA.
No. 6—Ex. Sunday............ 3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday............ 4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday............ 9:30 p m

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass....*3:25 p m	No. 4 Pass....*10:55 p m
No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass....†11:30 a m
" 7 ......10:00 a m	" 8 ......2:40 a m
" 9 ......*8:00 p m	" 10 ......4:00 p m

*Daily. †Except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.
No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman............* 1:32 a. m.
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman............* 11:52 a. m.
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign..* 6:10 a. m.
No. 104 Main Line North............* 11:26 a. m.
No. 126 Main Line North............† 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves............† 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana............* 3:19 a. m.
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana............* 3:37 p. m.
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana...* 9:30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo...* 4:03 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South............† 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives............* 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives............† 10:30 a. m.
*—Daily. †—Daily Except Sunday.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

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One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily.

Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the routes, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.

Account Spring meetings of Merchants' Associations, at one and one third fare, on certificate plan: St. Louis, sell Feb. 20 to 27; March 6 to 13; April 3 to 10. Chicago, sell Feb. 23 to March 2; March 30 to April 6. Milwaukee, sell Feb. 23 to March 2.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following points:

Home seekers excursions to principal points in the south, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Good returning every Tuesday or Friday for twenty-one days. One fare plus $2 for round trip.

One way settlers' tickets sold to the South on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

Winter tourist tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to K. Harwood, General Agent, or C. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent I., D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of A. W. Wells and J. T. Wells, under the firm name of A. Wells & Son, and against Leonard H. Stout, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: The undivided interest of Leonard H. Stout of lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty four (24) in block one (1) of the village of Niantic, located in Macon County, State of Illinois, taken as property of the said Leonard H. Stout, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 3d day of March, A. D., 1898.

J. P. NICHOLSON,
mar 4-d3w Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

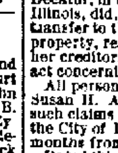
ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan H. Abel, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H. Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property, real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Susan H. Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898.
Jan. 21-d6w J. W. RACE, Assignee.



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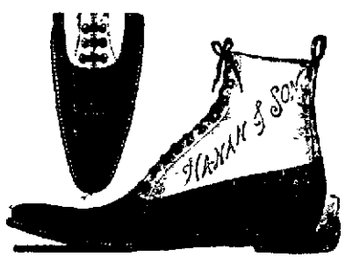
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Special communication of Macon Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. J. W. Carter, W. M.; G. P. Lewis, Secretary.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadcarts, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 528, new 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

Strawberries—Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel., old and new, 344.—3-d3t

Try Wilber's Home Made Genuine Vienna Bread. Hot Tea Rolls every evening. Wilber's Home Bakery, 211 North Main street. New telephone 493.—5-d1w

Give the C. B. Prescott music house a call. There you will find the celebrated Reed & Sons pianos and the favorite Packard organs, besides a varied assortment of desirable musical instruments.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

The Junior Epworth League of Wesley church were entertained by their superintendant Mrs R. C. Augustine at her home on North Water street on last Saturday afternoon. A short literary program was given and luncheon served.

MURDER AT A BALL.

Fatal Termination of a Dance in Menard County.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Frank E. Gilerist shot and killed George Rickstraw, coal miner, at Athens, Menard county, about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He also wounded John Wineland, but the latter's condition is not serious.

Gilerist, with three companions, went to a dance in the eastern part of Athens and called Charles Libby out into the yard. A fight followed, and a number of the men at the dance came out and joined the melee. Thomas Scantlin drew a revolver and threatened to shoot if any one interferred. Gilerist snatched the revolver from Scantlin, with whom he had gone to the dance, and fired at John Wineland. Then he shot at Rickstraw, who fell to the ground with a bullet in his brain.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of willful murder on the part of Gilerist, and named Dave E. Easton, John Whitehurst and Thomas Scantlin as accessories. The four were taken to Petersburg and placed in jail.

Will Give a Concert.

The members of the Sunday school orchestra of the First Presbyterian church will give a concert tomorrow night at the church. Besides selections by the orchestra Miss Anna Packard will sing and Miss Maud Mills will give readings. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Sunday school.

I. O. O. F.

Celestial Lodge, No. 186, Regular meeting Monday evening, March 7. Election of officers and work in the third degree. Full attendance desired. D. J. Cloyd, N. G.; Al Leach, Secretary.

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

Will Give a Dance.

A number of the society young men of the city will give a dance next Tuesday evening at Columbia hall.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. Price 15 and 25c.

DOG SHOW IN SIGHT

It Will be a Big Thing for Decatur People

CROWDS TO THRONG THE CITY

Mr. Van Hall Will be Manager—Merchants Join in the Movement—Other City News.

Mr. Van Hall, the owner of the $7,500 thoroughbred double nosed pointer, Lord Dundenderry, has returned home from the Bloomigton bench show, decorated with a wealth of blue ribbons, captured by the prize canine. The dog took two premiums in his class and added to the pride and satisfaction of his owner. Mr. Van Hall says a Peoria party offered him $4000 cash for his dog, but he refused to accept the money.

It is the purpose of Mr. Van Hall to get up a bench show for Decatur, and he will endeavor to interest dog fanciers and merchants in the enterprise. The show at Bloomington was a huge success. It attracted great crowds daily and considerable enthusiasm was awakened. There was a fox chase in connection with the exhibition, which brought out hundreds of people on horseback, who followed the dogs for hours over hill and dale. Mr. Van Hall says a fox chase is the thing, and that it will not fail to be a big feature of the proposed dog show.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING.

Streets Will be Cleaned—Shakespeare Division's Open Meeting.

At the regular business meeting of the Woman's club on Saturday afternoon a motion was carried to employ a man to clean the streets surrounding the club building. Mrs. J. S. King gave a report of the organization of the Federation.

The Shakespeare class of the Woman's club will hold an open meeting on Friday evening at the Woman's club rooms. The meeting will in the nature of a club sociable and the entire club membership are invited. Miss Elliott of the Psalemas division will give a talk on her European travels.

Married at Indianapolis.

Miss Isabel McCann, of Decatur and Harry H. Gates, of Indianapolis Saturday afternoon at Indianapolis. There were only a few friends present at the wedding, among them being Miss Mabel Halstead of Decatur. The bride is a grand daughter of the late Archibald McCann and has many friends in the city. The couple will make their home in Indianapolis. The groom is a traveler for James R. Ross & Company of Chicago. The wedding was a surprise to the friends of Miss McCann say it was not known that she was going to be married when she left for Indianapolis.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon was the most largely attended that has been held at the rooms for some time. Rev. H. W Kemper of Louisville, Ky., made an address on the subject, "How to Get Rid of the Devil." He was formerly a saloon keeper and became converted. The speaker told of his personal experiences. He said that evils could be removed by the introduction of religion.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. will be held tomorrow night. Routine business is to be transacted.

Bought a Dog.

Bloomington Bulletin: "The pet of the show, Trilby, the queen of the toy bull terriers, and a first prize winner, owned and registered by Mr. E. B. Kuhlman of Bloomington, was sold to a Decatur lady for a handsome price, and goes to its new home Monday."

Mrs. M. F. Metz is the name of the lady who made the purchase. Trilby is a thoroughbred. It is said that before she left the Bloomington dog show with her pet Mrs. Metz was offered $500 for her prize. It was refused.

Red Cross Athletic Club.

Last Friday evening there was quite an interesting meeting of the Red Cross Athletic club at which officers were elected for the ensuing three months as follows:

President—Carl Laux.
Vice-President—Jay Jones.
Secretary—Harry Hanke.
Treasurer—George Duhigg.

Challenges will be accepted by the club for contests in any of the athletic sports. Any such proposals should be sent to Harry Hanke, 643 West Decatur street.

Against the Covenant Mutual.

Captain J. H. Rowell of Bloomington, former congressman, was the principal speaker at the mass meeting of sixty policy holders of the Covenant Mutual Life Insurance company of Galesburg held at Bloomington Saturday night. The captain went in at 47 at $99 a year on his policy. Now he is 65 and his yearly payment by the cut-throat assessment plan has been raised to $334. He declared that he would fight the company to the bitter end.

Honor Day Exercises.

Honor day exercises were observed at Westminster chapel yesterday afternoon. The Loyal Sunday school army certificates were presented by the superintendant A. H. Mills, to 20 pupils. There were 10 of the second year and 10 of the first year certificates presented. Remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, and the superintendent, A. H. Mills, and special music was rendered.

Conservator Appointed.

In the county court Saturday afternoon Judge Eammer appointed James H. Parker conservator of the estate of Rachael Parker. Drs. G. S. Edmundson and F. P. Cox were the commission who examined into the mental condition of Mrs. Parker and reported that they found she was so feeble that she unable to take care of her business. The conservator gave bond in the sum of $14,000.

The 1897 Strike.

L. W. Fribourg, member of the state bureau of labor statistics, has favored the Republican with printed copies of the board's review of the coal miners' strike in Illinois in 1897. It is figured that if all the men would have had half time work with average earnings of $3 a day, the aggregate loss in wages during the strike, would be $3,457,944.

Will Move His Store.

John Weigand will move his cigar store from the room in the opera house block at the corner of South Water and East Wood streets to the room in the J. R. Race building on Meerhant street. It is understood that a firm is looking at the room to be vacated by Mr. Weigand but it has yet has not been leased.

Services Next Week.

The services which were announced for the week at Westminister chapel have been deferred until next week. There will be preaching immediately after the Sunday school services next Sunday afternoon and the services will be held every night of the week.

Draper's Case.

The new trial of C. L. Draper for the murder of C. L. Hastings at Jacksonville will be had in Jersey county on a change of venue granted by Judge Epler. The verdict at the first trial was imprisonment for life. Court begins in Jersey county, March 21.

Public Installation and Social.

The Elks will hold a public installation at their hall in the Powers building on the evening on April 5. The installation will be followed by a stag social. The district deputy G. W. Barstow of Chicago will be present.

Mrs. Bullard Worse.

Mrs. S. S Bullard, who has been ill for some time past is much worse. Her condition today is considered critical. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bullard, who have been in Florida, have been called home on account of the elder Mrs. Bullard's illness.

Is Getting Along Nicely.

Mrs W. F. Neisler, who underwent a serious operation at St. Mary's hospital two weeks ago is gaining daily in strength and if the favorable conditions continue will be able to leave the hospital in ten days or two weeks at the farthest.

Epidemic of Chicken Pox.

There is quite an epidemic of chicken pox among the children throughout the city and vicinity. One physician reports two-thirds of his calls to be for attendance on patients with their disease.

Dr. McClelland Better.

Dr. Silas E. McClelland returned last evening from Champaign, where he visited his brother, Dr. Clarence McClelland, who has been very ill, but who is now much improved.

Memorial Window.

Linn & Scruggs Co. have a beautifully draped memorial window in honor of the sailors who lost their lives by the recent explosion of our battleship Maine in the Havana harbor.

Will Give a Social.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will give a social at the W. C. T. U. rooms on Friday evening. Refreshments will be served.

Helping Hand Society.

The Helping Hand society of the First Baptist church will meet with Miss Lizzie McNeal of East Eldorado street on Thursday afternoon.

Executive Committee.

The executive committee of the C. E. of the First Presbyterian church will hold their last meeting at the church on Friday evening.

Thimble Party.

Mrs. S. B. Scott will give a thimble party to about 20 ladies at her home on East Eldorado street tomorrow afternoon.

Came in Special Cars.

The Hanlon's "Superba" company arrived in the city this morning. They came in three special cars.

COURT NEWS

Insurance Case on Trial This Afternoon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Many Entries in Chancery Cases This Morning — Administrator Appointed for Estate of Mrs. Mary Froman.

The circuit court convened this morning and held a short session when quite a number of motions in chancery were heard. This afternoon the special case of the Pheonix Insurance company vs. Lucus Zepp came up for trial and the attorneys were trying to get a jury Attorney W. B. Tyler appeared for the plaintiff and A. F. Smith for the defendant The entries on the dockets today were as follows.

CHANCERY CASES

Savings Fund Building Association vs Rosalie A. Rosen: foreclosure Report of sale approved and stricken with leave and deficit $120.71 and execution

Aurora National Loan Association vs Andrew J. Lowery: foreclosure Report of sale approved, deficit and execution for $47 50, stricken with leave

In the following the report of sale was approved and the cases stricken with leave:

John R. King vs. Frank P. Roddy et al; foreclosure.

John R King vs. Fernando H Wood et al; foreclosure

Allde E. Cass vs. Fred W. Wills et al; foreclosure

Albert G. Barnes vs. Charles E. Schroll et al; foreclosure.

Aurora National Loan Association vs. Andrew J. Lowery et al, foreclosure

Samuel B. Crissey vs. Truman S Crissey et al; foreclosure.

James M. Leighton vs. John H Culver et al; foreclosure.

Elizabeth Collins vs Thomas J Fleming et al; foreclosure.

Huff Bros Lumber Company vs Laura A. Wismer et al; foreclosure

Savings Fund Building Association vs. Emily J. Cameron et al; foreclosure

The following cases were referred to the master for proof and conclusions

T. H Paine vs. Sadie S. Brewer et al, foreclosure

David J. Milligan vs Charles L Schroll et al; foreclosure.

COMMON LAW CASES

Charles J. Randolph vs C H Hopwood; assumpsit. Demurrer to declaration and demurrer overruled and defendant abides and judgment for plaintiff and damages assessed by court at and defendant excepts.

David M. Garver vs Hugh Cox, assumpsit. Leave to plaintiff to reply double.

Samuel R Suffern vs Patrick Winn, assumpsit. Demurrer to declaration demurrer sustained and leave to amend

NO REPLY FROM PONTIAC.

Roy Dupuy's Second Attempt to Get a Free Car Ride a Fizzle

Some time ago States Attorney Mills received a letter from Superintendent Torrance of the Pontiac reform school, stating that Roy Dupuy had again made a confession that he killed W. H Carlisle Dupuy is the man who confessed to the crime and was indicted and when brought from the reform school to this city trial he denied his statements and said that he was not telling the truth when he confessed to murdering Carlisle. There was nothing to do but send him back so that boy was again taken to the reform school. The superintendent said that Dupuy claimed that his lawyers told him to deny the confession and insisted that he really did kill Carlisle Mr. Mills did not want to bother with him unless he was sure that he meant what he said so he sent word to the superintendent to get a written confession from Dupuy. Mr. Mills has not yet received any reply so it is likely that Dupuy is unwilling to give a written confession.

Taffy Pull.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Sixth ward will give a taffy pull at the Edmund street chapel on Tuesday evening March 8.

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Talk on the $50,000,000 War ... Then Comes

Men at the American Navy ... Day on Big Guns--Clai... Will be No War--Spai... Battleships--All ...

Washington, March 8.—The appropriations committee of the house this morning unanimously agreed to report favorably the bill to appropriate $50,000,000 for national defense.

There was practically no discussion in the committee. As the bill was to be called up immediately after the house met Representative Sayres of Texas, the ranking minority member of the committee, was more solicitous about making satisfactory arrangements for the conduct of debate than anything else. He protested against the introduction of a special rule as it would be liable to place the Democrats in a false attitude and asked reasonable time to all of the Democrats to define their position. He submitted a proposition which included a provision for a general debate of three hours, and an hour under the five-minute rule. Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, conferred with Speaker Reed after the committee adjourned relative to the Sayres proposition and it was agreed to.

OPENING OF THE DEBATE.

The galleries were packed to the doors, and a long line of people unable to gain admission, surged about the corridors Public interest in the debate on the bill appropriating $50,000,000 for national defense was on tip toe. On the floor almost every member was in his seat. On the faces of the leaders of both sides sat an air of stern resolution, indicating the deep appreciation of the business upon which congress and the country were entering in making this vast appropriation for possible war. As soon as the journal was read, an id deep silence. Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee, presented as the deficiency bill, the measure appropriating $50,000,000 for national defense. It included several other items, including $100,000 for coal for naval vessels. When the reading was concluded a spontaneous outburst of applause went up from the members and galleries. Then Chairman Cannon and Representative Sayres, the latter representing the minority members of the appropriations committee, proposed the agreement they had privately made for a three hours general debate on the bill, to be followed by one hour debate under the five-minute rule. Barrett (Republican of Massachusetts) asked if an opportunity was to be given for amendment, and when Chairman Cannon replied that he did not know, he objected. The objection was greeted with hisses and cries of "vote, vote." Barrett, yielding to urgent appeals of Republicans, withdrew his objection and the time agreement was ratified. Congressman Cannon then took the floor and opened the debate Mr. Cannon spoke calmly, briefly explaining that the items in the bill, except the last, were strictly deficiency items. Coming to that all absorbing item he said that in the present critical condition of affairs the committee deemed it wise to appropriate this sum, placing its expenditure in complete discretion of the president. He re-

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